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PREFACE.

The Disciples of Christ are in some measure differently minded in regard to Public Prayer. Some are of opinion that it ought to be extemporaneous, whilst others think that it should be according to some written form. When closely examined however, the difference in this matter does not seem to be great. Few, it is believed, of those who use extempory prayer would consider it wrong to use at times a written form; and on the other hand those who in general use a written form, will be found not to scruple occasionally to use, or join in, extempory prayer.

The Scriptures are our grand and only guide in all matters pertaining to the Kingdom of God, and when they speak out in clear directions, we have nothing to think of but an entire and cheerful submission to the instructions they give. But in those cases where they do not speak out and mark our path definitively, we are left at liberty to regulate our practice by the General Rules contained in the same Volume.

In regard to the manner of offering up Public Prayer, it does not appear that we have any definite directions in Scripture. In one case, it is true, we have a written form given us, and we have also written out copies of some other prayers; but on the other hand we clearly learn that extempory prayer was used on different occasions. Under these circumstances, our duty is, to regulate this matter in conformity with the General Precept, of doing all things for edification, and with order and propriety. In judging of what is best according to this principle, the disciples of

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Christ may differ in opinion, but surely it is unsuitable to dispute with each other and separate because of this difference.

When extemporaneous prayer and forms of prayer, for public worship, are coolly and duly considered, it will be found, it is believed, that each mode possesses its respective advantages and disadvantages. On this account the best way perhaps would be, to combine them in our Public Services.

It is a thing very desirable, and certainly conducive to edification, to have a clear and distinct view and understanding of the subject of our prayers. A liturgy therefore properly embodying our views would be advantageous. On the other hand extempory prayer has several circumstances in its favour, and is particularly adapted to special occasions. In order therefore that we may enjoy the advantages of both modes, the writer proposes to his christian brethren, that there should be a regulation for using a liturgy in one part of the Sunday exercises, say the Forenoon Service; and that in the Second service of the day, extempory prayer should be used; whilst in the case of a third service the Minister might be left to his own choice, to use the one or the other.

In drawing up the following forms for public, social, and private worship, the writer has, he conceives, brought into full view, the grand doctrines and maxims of salvation; and he has also endeavoured to embody all those things which as christians we ought in general to express in our united approaches to God on his holy day, and on the other occasions for which prayers are here given.

These prayers are divided into Separate Collects, and each collect bears generally upon one subject only. At the end of each there is a response to be used by the congregation, meeting or family. Each response, it will be seen, contains the substance of the collect immediately preceding. It is thought that the attention to the service will be better kept alive by this means, and also that the object prayed for in the collect, will, by a partial repetition of it be more attended to. It is considered again, that much advantage is gained in point of clearness, by confining, as above stated, each collect to one subject only. We should always endeavour to have before us distinctly, what it is we are thanking God

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for, or supplicating from his hands, or confessing before him. This has been kept in view in drawing up the present formulary.

Some perhaps might prefer to these Responses, the using of the word, Amen, and that only, at the close of each collect; and others might prefer the using of the collects in succession without any response whatever. Let each body or congregation act according to what it may think most conducive to edification.

Whilst the writer gives his opinion in favour of forms of prayer under certain limitations, in public and social worship, he thinks it necessary to state, that in regard to private or individual prayer, the extempory mode ought from every consideration to be generally preferred. To persons however who are commencing their christain course, some help may be necessary for a time, and with this view forms of closet prayer are here given. These should be disused as soon as it can well be done; yet they may occasionally and even frequently be used with profit.

The advantages arising from variety have been consulted to a certain extent in forming this liturgy. There are Five Forenoon Services given, and these are to be used on the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month respectively. The Fifth Sunday will of course recur only once every quarter. For this reason, the service for that day is distinct from the others, and is of the character of a Litany, or Penitential Service: and surely it is befitting that we should come before God, in this particular manner, as frequently at least as this service will recur in the order in which it stands.

In addition to the general object of this liturgy, the writer has had in view in compiling it the supplying the means of carrying on public worship in country places where a regular minister cannot always be procured. He has also had in view, and somewhat particularly, the supplying a manual of worship for missionaries of different denominations labouring in foreign countries, and who do not use the national liturgy. The want of such a manual has probably been felt on various occasions, and it is therefore hoped that the present one will not be unacceptable to those who are engaged in this holy work. It may not indeed correspond with their views in several of its parts,

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but it may at least suggest to them the idea of drawing up for themselves something more suitable.

This liturgy is intended, as already hinted, for different denominations of christians. The writer has therefore avoided, as far as he could, any thing like sectarianism. He has avoided it also for another reason, namely, from a desire to bring the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ to something like a unity in their public services, in order that we might all join with one mind and one mouth to glorify our Father who is in heaven.

The services for Baptism and Confirmation have given the most difficulty, in the view of combining different parties in them. Some attempt however has been made towards an accommodation in this matter; and happy shall the writer be if his endeavours herein should be the means of somewhat uniting parties that have hitherto been at variance, and kept separate from each other.—There is a Service given for the Baptism of Children which is intended for all those who hold this view of the institution. Next there is given a Service for the Baptism of Adults, which will suit the Baptists on the one hand, and also Missionaries of other denominations, in baptising their Adult converts. The Service for the Dedication of Infants might be used by the Baptists without infringing on their principles, and would be a fovourable opportunity of publicly giving thanks to God for the Birth of the Child, and the safety of the Mother; and of earnest, united prayer for the Child's welfare in time and in eternity.—The Admonition of Children corresponds to Confirmation in the English Church; and some such service as this might, it is believed, be adopted by Dissenters in general, without opposing their principles of faith and discipline, and with manifest advantage to their offspring.

It should be observed that the difficulties here referred to, do not at all affect our General Public Worship. In this happily we may all join in one and the same service, and let us do so, in harmony and love.

From the appearing of the present publication it may be inferred that the writer does not entirely approve of our National liturgy. In some degree this is the case, but he does not think it necessary to point out what parts he considers unsuitable. He would only say in regard to the

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matter, that it could hardly be expected that a production of this sort, prepared at the time our National liturgy was formed, and under the then peculiar circumstances of the country, could be found quite suitable in all its parts at the present time.

But admitting the sound doctrine and rich beauty and devotion of the Book of Common Prayer in general, and supposing besides that it approached nearer to perfection than it does, why might not another liturgy also be brought before the public, and be used by all who might feel inclined to do so? Many perhaps who are indisposed from whatever cause to adopt the liturgy now in use, may be more inclined to use the one here presented, without entering into the question which is the more suitable of the two. The adopting of any liturgical form is in a certain degree an approbation of our National Services, and may lead the way to greater agreements. Proper unity does not consist in our all using precisely the same words and forms, but in a general union in ideas and modes. There is more probability that all who fear God in our land will be brought to the ancient unity of the christian church by the use of several liturgies than by exclusively adhering to one. Nothing is more clear from ecclesiastical history than that various liturgies were used in the most ancient and best times of the church, and in truth that every Bishop was fully allowed by the general church of which he formed a part to arrange and regulate the forms of worship within his own diocese, without its being considered for a moment that there was in the variety which this gave rise to any breach of the general unity. It is not insinuated by this that it would be better that every individual diocese at present had a distinct form for public worship, but only to show that to have a variety in this matter is not contrary but congenial to the best primary usages. Variety here may be the means of promoting Unity, and may this be the tendency of the present work as its title bespeaks.

The production now issued is an attempt at improvement, and may it is hoped lead others to produce something superior to it. The writer therefore commits it into the hands of his Christian Brethren, earnestly praying that the Lord may make it serviceable to his people, and that it may be of

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some little use in promoting that Kingdom which shall stand for ever.

Though this liturgy issues from the Press at a juncture of time when much is said about reform in our national liturgy, and other things, the writer wishes it to be distinctly understood, that this work has no connexion with present movements. It was in truth begun some ten years ago, and has been written at various intervals; and being now brought to a close, it is presented to the Public, in the spirit of love and of cordial union, with all who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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RUBRIC.

THE directions given to the Corinthian Church, and through it to all others, in regard to the manner of conducting Public Worship, is this, "Let all things be done decently and in order." The instruction contained in this passage justifies the making of arrangements, and the laying down some definite rules in respect to our Public Services. This is the object of a Rubric.

In the first place, it is desirable that an exact time should be fixed upon for the commencement of Divine Worship; and it is important also that the time fixed upon for commencement should be adhered to with precision. If the officiating Minister is unpunctual in beginning the service, it will unavoidably lead to unpunctuality in the assembling of the congregation.

But, not only is it desirable that there should be a fixed time for beginning Divine Worship, and that the officiating minister actually begin at that time; but also that the assembly should be wholly and fully congregated at the commencement of the worship. There is a double offence committed by those who are not present when the worship of God begins. First, they injure themselves, in losing the parts of the Service that may be over before they enter; and secondly, they disturb the devotions of others, by the unavoidable noise and stir of their entrance. Let then every person who wishes to worship God in spirit and in truth, and without distraction of mind; and who, on the other hand, is justly and tenderly careful not to be the cause of distractions and spiritual disadvantage to others,—let all who thus think and feel, be conscientiously careful to be

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present at the commencement of public worship in the house of God.

But this should be carried still farther. Not only is it desirable that all should be already assembled when the worship begins, but also that each individual, for his own comfort and edification, should endeavour to be already seated in the house of God some few minutes before he is called upon to join with the congregation in the solemn acts of worship. It is desirable that he should have a few minutes' composure for thought meditation and silent prayer, before the regular services begin. This time should not be less than five minutes.

In fitting up all churches and chapels, care should be taken that the pews and seats should be so constructed arranged and accommodated, as to prevent any unnecessary inconveniences during the service. Among other things, proper accommodation for kneeling, should be particularly attended to.

In several places of public worship the males and the females sit apart. This seems a commendable practice, and worthy of being imitated.

The posture in which we present ourselves before our Heavenly Father, though not essential to the acceptance of our services, is nevertheless worthy of our attention, and deserving of proper regulation. Kneeling seems to be the most suitable posture for Prayer: in singing the praises of God, Standing commends itself, as the proper attitude: whilst sitting may be the posture during the reading of the scriptures, and the expounding of them.

Forenoon Service.—As already noticed in the preface, there are Five Services given for the Forenoon. These are all to be conducted after the same manner, and a direction therefore for one of them will suit the whole.

The first part of the service is the Lord's Prayer. This comprehensive and appropriate prayer, is here divided into distinct parts, in order that each part may be clearly perceived, and that we may more fully enter into each petition contained in it. For the same purpose, and that every one may individually offer up for himself the prayer embraced in each division, the short but expressive response of Amen, is put at the close of the several divisions; and this is the

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only part to be spoken aloud by all the congregation.—This portion of the service, for sake of convenient reference, may be called the First Prayer.

After the First Prayer a hymn is to be sung. The one placed in the proper order is considered suitable, and may be often used, whilst at the same time the officiating minister may choose some other instead of it. This hymn may for distinctions sake be called, the First Hymn.

Next follows what may be denominated The Second or General Prayer. This prayer, as will be perceived, is of some considerable length. It is desirable that it should be so, in order that we may be kept in the act of prayer for a proper length of time together. Nor could it well be made short, as it is a general and comprehensive prayer. It is the only one embracing general objects in the whole service.—The Responses in it are to be said aloud by all the congregation.

After this comes the Second Hymn. The one inserted may be used, or any other of the same nature, at the selection of the minister.

The prayer that comes next in order may be entitled The Third Prayer. This is not like the preceding, a general prayer, but is in direct reference to the Reading of the Holy Scriptures which immediately follows. This prayer, like the others is divided into paragraphs, sections, or collects, with corresponding responses.

The part of the service which follows, is the Reading of the Holy Scriptures. This is a very important part of the service, and one which, generally speaking, meets with too little attention. The portion of Scripture commonly read in public worship in Dissenting Congregations on the Lord's Day is very small. In this respect the practice of the National Church is much superior. In it there are read, in the first place, two chapters immediately from the Bible. Besides this, a portion is read from the Psalter, and elsewhere, equal to about two chapters more. Again the Epistle and Gospel, together with the commandments will make one chapter additional: thus making in all for the Morning Service about Five Chapters.—In the Evening Service, the portion of Scripture read is nearly Four Chapters.—If the Psalms and also the Epistle and Gospel were read like the Lessons, direct from the Bible, it would, it is

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conceived, be a great improvement. Again, the Psalms should not be read as Prayers, but as Scripture Reading, whilst we silently sit and listen to what God the Lord will say to us from this portion of his holy word.

The plan of reading adopted in this liturgy, is the following. The Old Testament is divided into three parts. The first of these, contains from Genesis to Job inclusive; the second, the Book of Psalms only; and the third, from the Proverbs to the end. The New Testament also is divided into three portions. The first, containing the four Gospels; the second, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistles to the Romans and Corinthians; and the third, from the Epistle to the Galatians, to the end. The whole Scriptures being thus divided into Six Portions, one chapter from each is to be read in due order for the Forenoon Service, making together six chapters, and all read directly and formally from the Holy Bible itself.—At the close of the Scripture Readings a hymn is sung, called the third hymn.

The next part of the Service, is the Prayer before Sermon. This is the Fourth Prayer, and as will be seen, is not a general prayer, but is especially directed to the Sermon about to be delivered.

The Sermon follows. The time occupied in delivering the Sermon should be from 30 to 50 minutes, say on an average 40. Preachers and Hearers differ somewhat in their way of thinking and acting as to the manner of preaching. Some preachers write all their sermons, and read them to their congregations; and this mode is the most acceptable to many hearers. Other preachers deliver all their Sermons extempory, and their hearers prefer this plan to the other. This difference of opinion, and practice, respecting the mode of delivering a sermon, should not be allowed to weigh much in our judgments. The question should not be, whether the sermon was read or delivered extempory, but what did it contain. As to the two modes, we should all try to accustom ourselves to both, and fix our attention chiefly on the matter spoken or read. In considering maturely both sides of this subject, it would seem best to unite them, and to keep both in use. The one contributes to accuracy, and the other to fluency, or readiness; and were both properly combined, our edification would most likely be greater, than

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it would be, by the constant use of any one of the two exclusively.

The place from which the Sermon is delivered in the National Church is more elevated than that from which the Scriptures are read, and where the minister stands when leading the Prayers of the Congregation. There seems an incongruity in this; for surely, both the Reading of the Scripture, and Prayer, are more solemn exercises than the delivering of a Sermon. But it seems most suitable that the person who officiates, should occupy one and the same place during the whole service; and also, that his attire should be the same throughout.

After the Sermon, there is a prayer bearing upon the subject immediately preceding; and referring also to the closing of the service. This is classed as the Fifth Prayer. It is terminated by a benediction or doxology; and this concludes the forenoon service.

Various forms of benediction, or doxology, are used in the several services, and this varying from one to another seems a better plan, than that of using the same one constantly. There is a variety in the mode in which the Apostles close their Epistles, and this should be imitated.

The whole of the Forenoon Service is calculated to occupy about two hours and a quarter.

Afternoon Service.—The Forenoon Service should be considered the chief service of the day. The Afternoon Service is therefore made somewhat shorter than that for the forenoon. This is done by using a shorter general prayer, by reading fewer chapters from the Scriptures, and by singing twice instead of three times. This service should occupy from one hour and a half, to one hour and three quarters. The portions of Scripture are, the first second and fifth.

Evening Service.—The Evening Service is intended to be of the same length as that for the afternoon. The portions of Scripture to be read, are the third fourth and sixth.

In the afternoon and evening services, as elsewhere noticed, extempory prayers may be used instead of the formulas here given; and it seems particularly desirable that this mode should be adopted, in at least one service of the day. The

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order of service here arranged may nevertheless be observed, and the prescribed portions of Scripture should always be read.

The whole portion of Scripture to be read in the course of the Lord's day according to the above directions amounts to Twelve Chapters. By this arrangement we would secure a considerable portion of infallible instruction. This would counteract the evils arising from erring and uninstructed teachers, should such unfortunately be found in the church; and on the other hand, it would aid strengthen and confirm, the true and pious instructions of the good pastor. And this observation particularly applies to those congregations where there are many who cannot read; a blot this, soon, it is hoped, to be wiped from off our land for ever. The benefit and true edification that would arise from this plan of Scripture reading being adopted all over the nation, in every place of worship, would doubtless be very great. If we honour God in his holy word, he will honour us in return.

In regard to the Ministerial Instructions on the three several parts of the day, it might be stated, that the best method to be pursued, would probably be as follows. In the forenoon, to deliver a written discourse from some text, or short portion of Scripture; in the afternoon, to read, or to deliver from brief notes, an exposition of some larger portion of Scripture, going through each book that may be selected for this purpose, in regular order; and in the evening to preach a Sermon extempory.

It is not to be supposed that each individual will attend all the three services of the Sunday; and perhaps, generally speaking, it might not be the most profitable plan for him to pursue, as individual prayers, readings, and meditations, should form the occupation of some portion of every Lord's day. There are also Sunday School and family instructions to be attended to, which necessarily occupy many; and there is besides, the care of young children, and of the sick, which keep some members of not a few families at home. The three Services will afford the advantage, of each member of the family attending two of them, by interchanging with each other. It is however desirable that every individual who may be absent from any of the three services, should read privately, or

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with the family, those portions of Scripture which are publicly read, in those services of the day at which he was not present. This will keep up a general course of Scripture reading, which will be of great value.—In accordance with what is here recommended, it may be suggested, that the passages or portions of Scripture forming the ministerial instructions in the services we cannot attend, should be ascertained, and the expositions of them, as much as possible learned, from those who were present. This mutual help would greatly tend to our advancing in the knowledge of God together.

Week Day Services.—A form is here given to suit every general service on week days, but this may be dispensed with, and extemporaneous prayers used instead or it, whilst the order is preserved, and the same portions of Scripture read.

A few words are required in regard to Music. As the Responses are to be pronounced by the whole congregation, so should all sing aloud in praising God in the Assembly for Public Worship. People should not be left to gather an imperfect knowledge of singing by chance, more than to learn reading in that way, but they should be taught it formally, and if possible when young; but if not acquired in early days, it should be taught with care afterwards. Every minister should be at pains to regulate this matter, so that all his congregation may be able to sing with propriety and harmony.

In several places of worship instrumental music is used. Some have objected to this, as considering it contrary to Scripture. But it is difficult to say what the Scriptures permit or discourage on this head. The probability is, that this is one of the things undefined in Scripture, and which consequently is left to be regulated by the general precept referred to in the preface.

It appears to the writer of this liturgy, that no music is so sweet in itself as the human voice divine, and assuredly in the worshipping and praising of God, it is every way the most befitting. But some will say, that instrumental music is necessary, or at least desirable, as an aid to the human voice. Necessary, it cannot well be, if proper care

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is taken as above recommended to instruct all the congregation in the due use of their own voices. Desirable, or useful, it may be perhaps, if used in a proper manner. It does however strike the writer, that it is seldom used with much propriety. The organ is itself the chief singer in every congregation where it is used. The best instrument for aiding in church music would seem to be the flute, or some such mellow instrument as would closely assimilate with the human voice, so as to afford it aid, whilst the instrument itself might remain undiscerned, or as nearly so as could be.

Though the services above noticed are all drawn out, and intended for, Public Worship, they are nevertheless calculated to suit a single individual by the change of the pronouns, and a few other words. It is therefore recommended to private individuals to worship God through these services, at such times as they may find themselves alone, being unavoidably detained from assembling with the Great Congregation, whither we ought by all means to repair, and present ourselves, except when we have a lawful and urgent reason for acting otherwise. This manual may likewise be used in the sick room, and will enable the person afflicted, and those who are in attendance, to join together in the worship of God.

The next part of this liturgy is occupied with those services, which, though of a public nature, are yet used only on particular occasions: albeit, the Eucharist should be celebrated every Lord's day.

The first of these, is a Prayer to be offered up at the solemnization of the Lord's Supper. It is here suggested that the term Remembrance might conveniently be used instead of Eucharist. The word Remembrance is a sweet and significant term, and seems preferable to the one referred to. The word Communion however is a very suitable term in every sense.

In presenting ourselves at the Table of the Lord as members of his family, the most proper posture seems to be, the one we use when we partake of food or refreshment with a friend, which with us is in the sitting posture. For the reason here alluded to, it should seem to be our duty

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in this ordinance, to sit altogether as one company, or family party. This is the manner adopted in many places of worship in our land, and it appears the most suitable, from the nature of the institution itself, and for convenient arrangement in this part of our religious services.

The Family of Christ being thus seated at his Table in his Kingdom, and the Bread and the Wine being at hand, let the Minister read some, or all, of the passages of Scripture selected for the occasion, and then direct to his flock a few words of instruction and exhortation connected with this service. He will then say, "Let us give thanks and glory to God, for the Salvation of Christ, and for this Ordinance." On saying this, let all kneel down, whilst the form of Prayer given in its place is used. When this is done, and all have resumed their seats, the Minister will take the Bread into his hand, and pronounce the following words:—"The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his Disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my Body which is broken for you; this do in Remembrance of me." Having thus said and done, the Minister and his Assistants will partake; and then the latter will see that the Bread duly passes to the hands of all the Communicants. During the distribution and participation of the Sacramental Bread, a time of silence seems to be the most appropriate, leaving each one to holy meditation, and silent individual prayer.

When all shall have partaken, or rather a few minutes after, the Minister will rise and say, "Let us again give thanks and glory to God for the Salvation of Christ, and for this Institution." On hearing this, all will again kneel, and the same prayer will be used as before. When the Minister has finished, and the people have sat down again, he will say as follows:—"After the same manner in which the Lord Jesus had taken the Bread, and given it to his Disciples, he also took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; and they all drank of it; and he said unto them, This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the Remission of Sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in Remembrance of Me." The Minister having thus spoken, will put the Cup or Cups into the hands of

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the assistants, and sit down. He will then partake, along with the assistants; and immediately after, the Cups will be passed on from pew to pew, and from individual to individual, while all remain in silent meditation and prayer as before.

When all have drunk of this Cup of Salvation, and a few minutes' pause has followed, the Minister will rise and say:—"Beloved Brethren,—Hear the Consolations of this Holy Communion with Jesus Christ our Saviour, who gave his Life a Ransom unto God for our Redemption:—Unto &c.

This being fully over, the Minister will say, "Let us now sing a Hymn, as our Lord and his Disciples did, at the time this Ordinance was instituted." He will then give out a Hymn, (either the one in due place, or another,) and all will stand up and praise the Lord, for the Salvation of Christ, and for this Institution.

Some parts of what is here stated are repeated in another place, but it was thought better to give them here in a connected form.

The rest of the Forms given in this Manual do not seem to require more particular Directions than those inserted at the proper places.

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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE,

FOR THE FORENOON OF THE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God, with all solemnity, and in spirit, and in truth.— —Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Our Father in heaven,—Hallowed be thy name.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thy Kingdom come.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Give us this day our daily bread.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Congregation.—Amen.

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Minister.—Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory,—for ever, and ever,—Amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All rise, and stand.]

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Before," &c. [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—Or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

1. Before Jehovah's awful throne,
   Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
   Know that the Lord is God alone;
   He can create, and he destroy.

2. His sovereign power, without our aid
   Made us of clay, and formed us men;
   And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
   He brought us to his fold again.

3. We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs;
   High as the heavens our voices raise;
   And earth with her ten thousand tongues,
   Shall fill thy Courts with sounding praise.

4. Wide as the world is thy Command;
   Vast as eternity thy love:
   Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,
   When rolling years shall cease to move.

[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, we come into thy holy

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presence, and bow down ourselves before thee. O Lord God, we adore and extol thy Glorious and Eternal Name. Thou art the Creator, the Upholder, and the Governor of this world, and of the whole Universe. Thou art the King of kings: Thou art Lord over all.

Congregation.—O God, we praise and adore thy Glorious and Eternal Name.

Minister.—O Lord Almighty, thou didst, in thy abundant goodness, create man in holiness, and in happiness: Thou didst teach him to know thee, to love thee, to serve thee, and to enjoy thee. But, O how altered is our condition!—how greatly are we estranged from thee in our present state!—guilt and woe are upon us because we have fallen.

Congregation.—O Lord God, we deplore our estrangement from thee.

Minister.—All righteous Jehovah, we lament before thee that fatal act of Disobedience, which has changed the beauty, and holiness, and happiness of this world, into sin and sorrowing, into vanity and vexation of spirit. Just, O God, and holy art Thou in all the Judgments, and in all thy Dealings toward the creatures which thou hast made.

Congregation.—Holy and righteous, O God, are all thy judgments.

Minister.—Almighty God, we confess before thee, not only the sin of our race, but also our own sins individually. We have all sinned against thee, and come short of thy glory. We are unholy and sinful creatures. In our thoughts, and in our words, and in our actions, we have dishonoured thy Holy Name. Iniquities have prevailed against us, and we are unrighteous and ungodly. Most Holy God, we stand all before thee condemned, because of our transgressions. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: Have mercy upon us, we earnestly beseech thee. Enter not into

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judgment with us, O God, for in thy sight no one can be justified.

Congregation.—O Lord God, we are all sinful and ungodly creatures. Have mercy upon us, we earnestly beseech thee.

Minister.—Almighty and most merciful Father, we adore and bless thee, for not leaving our race in a state of condemnation. We praise and magnify thy name, for sending thy Beloved Son into this world, that through him we might be saved. O Lord, we adore thee for such a Deliverer, and for such a Deliverance. We thank thee, O our God, for graciously declaring, that all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, shall have a full remission of all their sins, and that thou wilt bestow on them a new and everlasting life of felicity and glory.

Congregation.—O God, we adore thee for thy promise of forgiveness, and of life eternal, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord, we do now, in thy sacred presence, and before each other, renounce all and every hope of forgiveness and of eternal life, through ourselves; and we declare our Faith in Jesus Christ, as our Saviour and our Redeemer, who shed his precious blood and died for our sins, that we might not perish, but might receive forgiveness, and everlasting life. O Lord God, forgive us all our sins, through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Congregation.—O Lord God, forgive us all our sins, through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Minister.—Most Holy Father, thou hast graciously promised to give thy Holy Spirit to all who believe in thy Son Jesus Christ. O fulfil this thy blessed promise unto us, our Father and our God. May thy Holy Spirit dwell in us continually; and by his blessed influences may we walk humbly before thee, and love

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thee with all our heart; may we be enlightened, sanctified, and comforted; and be enabled to bring forth the fruits of righteousness, to the glory of thy name in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation.—Gracious Father, grant unto us thy Hold Spirit, to dwell in us continually, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister.—O Lord, may a deep sense of our own ignorance, and of our weakness, and of our sinfulness be ever impressed upon our minds; and may we continually seek from Thee, Knowledge, and Strength, and Sanctification. O may we hunger and thirst after holiness, and may we be filled. May thy Holy Spirit teach us and guide us, and effectually work in us in all things, so that all we will, and all we do, may be pleasing in thy sight, Most Holy Father.

Congregation.—O Lord, may all our thoughts, and words, and actions, declare that thy Spirit dwelleth in us.

Minister.—Almighty Father, be pleased to grant unto us that Peace, and that Joy, which arise from Reconciliation to thee by Jesus Christ. May the peace of God rule in our hearts at all times, and may we ever have a cheering and joyful prospect of that Glorious Inheritance which thou hast promised to those who love thee.

Congregation.—O Lord, be pleased to grant unto us, peace and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister.—Our Father, we beseech thee to impress on our minds at all times, that we being redeemed by Christ, are not our own. May we therefore live not unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us, and bought us to himself by his precious all atoning blood. May we be a holy and a peculiar people, and ever zealous of good works. May we bring forth much fruit, that so we may approve ourselves as the Disciples of Christ, and may glorify our Father in heaven.

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Congregation.—O Lord, may we live not unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us, and redeemed us.

Minister.—O Lord, we desire, most sincerely and thankfully, to adore and praise thy Gracious Name, for having cast our lot in this land of Salvation, of Light, and of Freedom,—in a land where the fountain and the streams of the water of life, are free unto all. God Almighty, bless our Native Land, and graciously continue thy many favours unto us. O may the blessings of thy Glorious Salvation, the blessings of Knowledge, and of Freedom, never be removed from this favoured land; but may they continually increase in it, and abound.

Congregation.—O Lord, we adore thee for all our privileges: O may thy face ever shine on our Native Land.

Minister.—O God, the Creator of all Mankind, may it please thee to grant, that all the Nations of the World may soon enjoy all those precious blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us. May thy Kingdom come, and may thy will be done in all the Earth, as it is done in heaven.

Congregation.—O Lord, may the blessings we enjoy, and for which we pray, be enjoyed over all the Earth.

Minister.—Almighty God, Sovereign of the whole Universe, condescend, we pray thee, to pour out thy rich blessings on our King. May he fully understand the Gospel of Christ, and live under its holy influence. Give unto him, O God, Knowledge, and Judgment, and Power, to rule and govern this Nation according to thy holy commandments. May he have a single eye to thy glory, and a zealous desire for the good of this country, in all his plans, and in all his actions.

Congregation.—O God, be pleased to bless and direct our King, in all his ways.

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Minister.—Bless, O God, we beseech thee, all the Governors, Legislators, Judges, and Magistrates in our Land. May they all know and obey the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. Guide them, O God, by thy Spirit, and strengthen them by thy might in all their duties, that they may prove a terror to evil doers, and a blessing to those who do well.

Congregation.—O God, bless all those who are in authority amongst us. May they be true disciples of Christ, and prove a blessing to this nation.

Minister.—Merciful God, counsel and direct, we beseech thee, all the Instructors of our Youth, and lead them to train up their Pupils to glorify thee in thy Son Jesus Christ. Father of Mercies, graciously regard all Parents among us, and teach them their important duties: and bless, we pray thee, their Children, and make them dutiful and obedient. Give thy blessing, O God, to all who stand in the relation of Masters: teach them to imitate thee, their Great Master in heaven. Grant thy blessing likewise to all Servants, and bestow upon them a spirit of submission, fidelity, and reverence toward their masters, according to thy holy commandment.

Congregation.—O Lord, bless the Instructors of our Youth, bless all Parents and all Children, all Masters and all Servants among us, that they may glorify thee in their respective situations.

Minister.—Almighty Father, be pleased to bless all conditions of men in our Land. Have mercy upon the Rich and the Honourable among us, and save them from the dangers to which they are exposed through the deceitfulness of riches and worldly honours and distinctions. Pity, O Lord, the Poor, and supply their wants: pity the Ignorant, and grant them instruction: have mercy on the Vicious, and change their hearts, and their conduct. O may the fear of God prevail over our Land; may the knowledge and practice of the Gospel of Christ prevail over it; and

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may the Holy Ghost be given to us all;—that thus thy Name, O God Almighty, may be greatly magnified amongst us.

Congregation.—Almighty Father, have mercy on all conditions of men in our Land, and give unto them all thy blessing.

Minister.—O God Omnipotent, infinite in knowledge and in goodness, we bless and adore thee for that scale in being which thou hast assigned unto man. Among all the creatures on Earth beneath us, there is no one capable of knowing the hand that made it and guides it. But unto man thou hast given an intelligent mind, and hast made him capable of knowing thee his Creator, and his Benefactor. O God, may we glorify thee, by these intellectual faculties which thou hast given us.

Congregation.—Blessed Father, we praise thee for the faculties thou hast given us, and pray that they may ever be employed in magnifying thy Glorious Name.

Minister.—O God, the source of all our blessings, we adore thee for having conferred upon us the precious gift of Language, by means of which we can speak thy praise, through which we have so much enjoyment with our fellow men, and by which we can make advances in the knowledge of Thee, and of thy works. Grant, O God, that in the use of language we may not dishonour, but may glorify thy Adorable Name.

Congregation.—O God, in the use of language, may we ever glorify thy Blessed Name.

Minister.—O God Almighty, in whom we live and breathe and have our being, we bless thee individually for our creation, for the preservation of our life, and for the health of body and mind which thou hast given us: we bless thee for our supplies, and for all our enjoyments. Graciously, O Lord, continue unto

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us these precious blessings, and let our hearts ever be filled with gratitude towards thee for all thy benefits.

Congregation.—O Lord our God, we praise thee for all thy benefits

Minister.—Pity, O Lord, we beseech thee, those who are not so highly favoured as we are, and enable us truly to sympathise with them. O Lord, condescend in thy compassion and love, to visit all those who are in distress and affliction of any kind. O may they be supported in their trials, and be sanctified by them; and may it please thee speedily to favour them, according to their respective circumstances, with the blessings of health, of supplies, of peace, and of enjoyment.

Congregation.—O Lord, have mercy on all who are in distress and affliction, and do thou speedily send them deliverance.

Minister.—O Lord our Heavenly Father, we bless and magnify thy Name, for the precious Volume of Divine Revelation. Enable us, O our God, to be truly thankful for this inestimable benefit. May we read and study thy Holy Word with all constancy, and with all godly attention; and may we meditate on its sacred contents by day and by night. O Lord, vouchsafe unto us a clear and a full knowledge of that salvation which thy word unfolds. O may we live under the influence and in the enjoyment of this salvation all our days, and at last may we fully enjoy it in the mansions of glory.

Congregation.—O Lord, may we meditate on thy Word day and night, and may we enjoy its promises in time and in eternity.

Minister.—All Gracious Father, we thank thee for the institution of the Christian Sabbath, and for appointing thy people to assemble together on thy day to worship thee. We adore thy name, O our God, for graciously promising to be present with thy people when they meet together according to thy command-

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ment. O Lord, do thou now fulfil unto us thy gracious promise. Bless us this day in reading, in expounding, and in hearing thy Holy Word. Bless us in making our supplications at thy Throne of Grace, and bless us in singing thy praise. May our hearts be truly engaged in every part of our services in thy house of prayer this day, and may we be greatly instructed, and strengthened, and comforted in our waiting upon thee.

Congregation.—O Lord, we praise thy name for the Christian Sabbath. Graciously be with us, and bless us in waiting upon thee on this thy day.

Minister.—O God, be present this day in all the Assemblies of thy Saints. Instruct and edify all thy people, and fill them with peace and joy in the Lord. Pour out a large measure of thy Spirit, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon all thy Servants whom thou hast appointed to feed, and to watch over thy flocks. May they feed them with the wholesome doctrines and precepts of Jesus Christ, and may they be patterns to their flocks, in a holy, righteous, and godly life, and in zeal for thy honour and glory. Hear, O Lord, the mutual supplications of thy people for each other this day, and may all thy disciples love one another with a pure heart. Grant, O God, that many sinners may be converted unto thee on this sacred day, and may they be added to the churches, and rejoice with thine inheritance. O Lord, may there indeed be joy in heaven, and joy on earth, this day over repenting sinners.

Congregation.—O Lord, bless all the assemblies of thy saints. May thy people be greatly edified, and may many sinners be converted on this thy day.

Minister.—O God Almighty, the God of Truth, of Peace, and of Love, graciously behold thy Church in its low estate, and be pleased to exalt it. Heal, O Lord, the infirmities of thy church and people; pity our darkness, and enlighten us; compassionate our

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weakness, and strengthen us: forgive all our pride, and give us true humility of mind; and in searching after Truth, grant us a clear and candid understanding, and a heart learned in sincerity and uprightness. O Lord our God, put an end, we entreat thee, to the strifes and divisions among thy people, and combine us all in a holy unanimity, that the world may believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, to the glory, O Father, of thy Ever Blessed and Adorable Name.

Congregation.—O God, unite all thy people in a blessed oneness in the church and kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Almighty God, thou hast promised to give to thy Son Jesus Christ the whole world for an inheritance, and an everlasting possession. Thou hast said that all nations shall serve and obey him, and that in his reign righteousness, and peace, and happiness shall prevail over the earth. Fulfil, O Lord, thy gracious promises: bless all thy Servants who are labouring at home and abroad to extend the Kingdom of Christ: prosper all Institutions formed for this sacred purpose: and send more labourers into thy harvest, in our own country, and in every part of the world.

Congregation.—O Lord God, may the happy reign of Christ our Saviour be gloriously established in our own land, and in all the earth.

Minister.—O Lord, our God and Father, we again intreat thee to impress on all our minds, and more and more deeply, the all-important truth, that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of sinners, and that it is alone through his Atoning Sacrifice and Mediation that we can enjoy thy blessing here, and thy blessing hereafter. O Lord, pour out abundantly upon one and all of us thy Holy Spirit, to guide us into all truth in Christ, and to work in us all holiness of heart and of life, that so we may be true and faithful servants of Jesus Christ our Master and Lord. Thus,

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O our God, may we glorify thee through all our pilgrimage in this world, and may we always enjoy thy favour, for thy favour is better than life. And, O Blessed Father, when thou art pleased to take us out of this world, receive us, we beseech thee, into the mansions of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation.—O Lord, instruct and sanctify us continually, and may we ever rest all our hopes of salvation on the merits of Jesus Christ who died for us.

Minister.—Almighty God, we have now poured out our hearts in confessions before thee; we have offered up our thanksgiving unto thee for all thy benefits; and have presented our supplications at thy mercy seat, for pardon, righteousness, and life eternal. We adore thee, O our Father, for a Throne of Grace, and for this opportunity of coming to thee; and now, we beseech thee, that thou wouldest graciously hear all these our prayers; and, O be pleased to bestow upon us thy peace, and thy smile, and thy blessing, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Intercessor, our only Lord and Saviour.

Congregation.—O Lord, accept of us, and bless us, in Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Minister.—O Lord God our heavenly Father, make the light of thy countenance to shine upon us, at this time, and for ever and ever: Amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All standing.]

Minister.—Let us again sing to the praise and the glory of God.—[The hymn to be named, and the two first lines pronounced, as before.]

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
   The Prince of Life adore;
   O Zion shout and sing,
   And triumph evermore:

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Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say rejoice.

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns;
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our sins,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say rejoice.

3. He sits at God's right hand,
Till all his foes submit,
And bow at his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say rejoice.

4. He all our foes shall quell,
Shall death itself destroy;
And all his people fill,
With pure, celestial joy:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up,
To their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound,—'Rejoice!'

[Still standing.]

Minister.—In the view of Reading and Hearing God's Holy Word,—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, we praise and adore thee for that Revelation of thy will which thou hast given us in the Holy Scriptures. O Lord, enable us greatly to esteem and to prize this precious and inesti-

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mable volume,—this light which shineth in a dark place, to guide our minds and our hearts into the way of peace, and to bring us to the enjoyment of eternal life.

Congregation.—Most Blessed God, we praise thy name for the precious volume of life.

Minister.—O God, we adore thee for the preservation of this volume through many ages, and bless thee that it has come down entire to our days. We thank thee, O Lord, that we have thy word translated into our native tongue, and that it is freely open to us all.

Congregation.—Glory be to thy name, O God, that thy word is fully accessible to us all.

Minister.—Bless us, O God, we beseech thee, in reading thy word at this time. May we read it with solemnity, and may we listen to it with godly attention. Open our understandings and our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we may truly profit by what the Lord our God will now say to us from this holy volume. And grant unto us likewise, that we may not be hearers only, but also doers of thy word; and that we may all reap the blessed promises given to us therein, both as respects this present life, and the life to come.

Congregation.—O Lord, bless us now in the Reading of thy Holy Word.

Minister.—O Lord God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to make known thy word unto all nations. May it be speedily and faithfully translated into all languages, and be circulated through every land. O Lord, may every individual upon the earth have thy word in his hands, and be taught to read it, that he may read and learn therein the wonderful works of God.

Congregation.—O Lord, let the Sacred Scriptures be speedily circulated over all the earth.

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Minister.—O Lord our God, in thy sacred name we enter on our Public Reading this day of thy Precious Book. O condescend most graciously to bless us whilst we are so engaged, that thy name may be glorified in our instruction and salvation, in Christ Jesus our Lord: Amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—The First Portion of our Scripture Reading is in the Book of [Genesis] the [First] Chapter.

[When the Minister has spoken these words, let all the Congregation open their Bibles at the place mentioned, and diligently attend whilst God's Holy Word is read in their hearing.]

Minister.—[At the close of the chapter,]—Here endeth the First Portion of our Scripture Reading.

[After the same manner the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Portions are to be read, the Minister saying at the close of the last,—"Here conclude our Present Readings of the Word of God."]

[The Minister still standing; and the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us now praise God for all his blessings to us in the Holy Scriptures.—The hymn following: or, the hymn No.— [pronouncing as before the two first lines]

[All stand.]

1. How precious is the Book Divine,
   By inspiration given!
   Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
   To guide our souls to heaven.

2. It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts,
   In this dark vale of tears;
   Life, light, and joy it still imparts,
   And quells our rising fears.

3. This lamp through all the tedious night
   Of life, shall guide our way;
   Till we behold the clearer light
   Of an eternal day.

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[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us now attend to the Preaching and Hearing of God's Holy Word,—commencing by Prayer.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord God Almighty, thou hast commanded thy word to be preached, for the edification of thy saints, and for converting Sinners from the error of their ways: and in obedience to thy command, we would now proceed to Expound thy word of life. Holy Spirit, we beseech thee to grant, that this expounding may prove spirit and life to all who hear it.

Congregation.—O Holy Spirit, quicken us all by the Preaching of the word of life.

Minister.—O God, mercifully grant unto him who is now to speak, a spirit of knowledge, of discernment, of grace, and of power, for the true, the wise, and faithful unfolding of the truths of thy Revelation. O Lord, may he rightly understand that portion of thy word from which he is now to speak; may he rightly divide it, and rightly apply it unto all who are here present.

Congregation.—O Lord, guide and direct thy Servant rightly to speak unto us from thy word of truth.

Minister.—O Lord, open now the ears and the understandings, and the hearts of all thy people here before thee in this assembly, that they may receive instruction, correction, and consolation; and that they may be truly built up, and established, in the faith and holiness of the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord, sanctify all thy people here present through the exposition of thy word, unto their eternal salvation.

Minister.—Almighty God, have mercy, we beseech thee, on all now in this place who have not yet turned

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unto the Lord, but who remain still estranged from thee, and are feeding themselves, in some shape, with their own deceivings. O Lord, have mercy upon all such; O Lord, have mercy upon them: and may the truths of thy word now to be unfolded, reach their understandings and their hearts, through the powerful influences of thy Spirit, that they may be brought, at this present time, from darkness to light.

Congregation.—O God, may the Preaching of the Gospel at this time prove life to the dead.

Minister.—O Lord our Heavenly Father, most graciously hear these our petitions which we now make unto thee, for thy blessing to be on us in the preaching of the word, in conformity to thy commandment. O God, let us all enjoy thy blessing very abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: Amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Congregation sit.]

[The Sermon is now delivered; and is succeeded by the following Prayer, which concludes the Service.]

Minister.—Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and Most Gracious Father, may it please thee to follow with thy blessing what has now been declared from thy word in this place. May the Holy Spirit be given to us all, to impress these things on our hearts, to keep them alive on our memories, and to enable us to reduce them to practice.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us thy Spirit to impress deeply upon our hearts the truths now set before us.

Minister.—Merciful God, grant that these truths we have now heard may never rise up in judgment

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against us through our neglect of them. But, may they tend to build us up in the knowledge of salvation, may they invigorate us in the service of our Redeemer, and inspire us with peace, comfort, and joy, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord, let not these truths ever rise up in judgment against us.

Minister.—O God, have mercy on all here present who have never yet fled for refuge to the blood of atonement. May what has now been declared lead them to see their danger, and to see also the refuge provided for our ruined and sinful race. O Lord, may all such now flee, and with all haste, to the Lord Jesus Christ, lest the avenger overtake them in their loitering indifference and fancied security.

Congregation.—O God, have mercy on all who have not hitherto fled for refuge to the blood of atonement.

Minister.—O Lord, be merciful unto all in this place, who during these services have been using the words of prayer with their lips only, without understanding, believing, or caring after, what they have been saying in thy solemn presence, and in the hearing of this assembly. O Lord, convince all such, that thou art not to be mocked with impunity. O let them now repent, and lead them to worship thee henceforth in their heart and soul, through the knowledge and love of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O God, mercifully look on all who have been careless and unconcerned at this time.

Minister.—Almighty Father, give, we beseech thee, peace and joy abundantly to all thy people now before thee, to all who hope in thee through the peace speaking blood of Christ, and who are following after holiness. May they go on their way rejoicing, may they bring forth much fruit; and may they at length have an abundant entrance into thy eternal kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Congregation.—O Lord, be pleased to give us all, a rich and an effectual blessing, through what we have heard at this time for the Lord Jesus' sake.

Minister.—O Lord our God, we adore thee for thy mercy and love, in permitting us to worship thee in this place on this thy day, and we praise thy name for all thy goodness to us during these our services. O forgive us all our sins, our short comings, and wanderings, since we came together; and wash us now, and make us clean, in the atoning blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Congregation.—O Lord, forgive us our sins whilst worshipping thee at this time.

Minister.—And now, O our Father, at the close of these our services at this time, we humbly and earnestly beseech thee to manifest thyself unto us more and more, for it is only thy blessing and thy manifestation that can enrich us. O grant us thy peace, build us up in Christ Jesus, and let us ever rejoice before thee. Most Blessed and Adorable Father, all our hope is in thee through our Saviour Jesus Christ. O unite us to Him, and to Thee, by the Holy Ghost, both now and for ever and ever.

Congregation.—Ever Blessed and Adorable Father, unite us to thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, and to thy Glorious Self, by the Holy Ghost, now and evermore: amen.

Minister.—Blessing, and Honour, and Glory, and Power, be unto Him who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE,

FOR THE FORENOON OF THE

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God, with all solemnity, and in spirit, and in truth. — — Let us pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Our Father in heaven,—Hallowed be thy name.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thy Kingdom come.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Give us this day our daily bread.
Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Congregation.—Amen.

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Minister.—Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory,—for ever, and ever,—Amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All rise, and stand.]

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—" Yes &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—Or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

1. Yes! the Redeemer rose,
The Saviour left the dead,
And o'er our hellish foes
High raised his conquering head:
In wild dismay,
The guards around
Fell to the ground,
And sunk away.

2. Lo! the angelic bands
In full assembly meet,
To wait his high commands,
And worship at his feet:
Joyful they come,
And wing their way
From realms of day
To such a tomb.

3. Then back to heaven they fly,
And the glad tidings bear;
Hark! as they soar on high,
What music fills the air!
Their anthems say,
' Jesus who bled
' Hath left the dead;
' He rose to-day.'

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6. Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hovering round thy word
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord God, to whom mercies belong, have mercy upon us, thy sinful creatures: have mercy upon us, O God: have mercy upon us, for we are greatly guilty before thee.

Congregation.—Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are greatly guilty before thee.

Minister.—Thou hast no pleasure, O God, in the death of the wicked, as thy word assures us. Enter not then into judgment with us, O our God, but have mercy upon us. O have mercy upon us, we most earnestly beseech thee.

Congregation.—Lord have mercy upon us, we most earnestly beseech thee.

Minister.—Lord God Almighty, we have grievously sinned against thee. We confess it, O God, and we confess it to our shame: we have indeed grievously sinned against thee.

Congregation.—Lord God, we have indeed grievously sinned against thee.

Minister —Which of thy commandments, O God, have we not broken. Truly we have broken them all: every one of them condemns us.

Congregation.—Lord God, we have broken all thy commandments.

Minister.—Lord God Almighty, we should have rendered up our hearts unto thee entire: we should

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have had no other God, but thee alone, our Creator and our Benefactor. We should have loved thee, the Lord our God, with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength. But, O God, how grievously have we erred and gone astray from this thy law of love. Lord God, surely we are idolatrous children before thee.

Congregation.—Lord God, surely we are idolatrous children before thee.

Minister.—O Lord God, we should have loved our neighbour as ourselves, for this is thy holy commandment unto us. But, O God, we have loved ourselves only. We have often, and in many ways, disregarded, and disesteemed, and despised, and injured our neighbour. O God, we have broken thy commandment of love, and we are truly guilty before thee

Congregation.—Lord God, we have broken thy commandment of love, and we are truly guilty before thee.

Minister.—O Lord God, thou didst send into our world the Son of thy love, the Lord Jesus Christ, to teach us thy Royal Law of Love,—of love to thee, and love to our neighbour,—and, by his life and his death, to imprint and enforce this law upon our understandings and our hearts, that it might never be forgotten, and might ever be chief in our thoughts and in our actions. But, O God, though we know all this, and have believed all this; yet, O Lord God, we have forgotten all, and have broken all, and we are indeed verily and most truly guilty before thee.

Congregation.—O Lord, we are verily and most truly guilty before thee.

Minister.—Lord God, what shall we do? O Lord God, what shall we do? Lord God Almighty, what should we do—what can we do—but come unto thee. O Lord God, we do come unto thee: witness us now before thee: we fall into the hands of the Lord, for

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very tender are thy mercies. Lord, have mercy upon us: Lord, have mercy upon us, we very earnestly beseech thee.

Congregation.—Lord God, we fall into thy hands for very tender are thy mercies. O have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us, we very earnestly beseech thee.

Minister.—But, can the Lord show and extend his mercy to us? Can the Lord make the punishment we deserve pass away from us?—Can he forgive us, and be just? Yes! O God: yes, O God, Thou art the Just God, and the Saviour,—Thou art just, and the justifier of him who believeth in thy Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, have mercy upon us, for the sake of thy Beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—Lord God, have mercy upon us, through thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Lord God of Mercy—God of Love—God of Compassion—God of Pardon—God of Grace and of Peace,—we lift up our eyes to thee from the dust, because thou hast given us hope,—the hope of mercy, of pardon, and peace. O Lord God, grant unto us indeed, mercy, and pardon, and peace, through thine Only and Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—Lord God, grant unto us indeed, mercy, and pardon, and peace, through thine Only and Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Minister.—We thank thee, O God, and we adore thee, that in thy divine arrangements, thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ gave his life a ransom for sinners—that he shed his blood for them—and that, by the one offering of his Blessed Self, he hath made a full and complete atonement for sin. Glory to thy name, O God, for this wonderful and glorious plan of displaying thy Justice and thy Mercy.

Congregation.—Glory, to thy name, O God, for

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this wonderful and glorious plan of displaying thy Justice and thy Mercy.

Minister.—O Lord God Almighty, God of Justice, and Mercy,—through this one and full atonement, through this one offering of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ; through this blood that was shed for sinners, —we come unto thee, and lift up our heads in hope of thy mercy, thy pardon, and peace. *O Lord wash away all our sins in the blood of Christ.*

Congregation.—Lord God, wash away all our sins in the blood of Christ.

Minister.—O Lord our God, in this same, this all precious and atoning blood, we do indeed put all our trust. —Some of us have been long resting on this atonement, and shorter has been the time with some others of us. But, O Lord, on this atonement, on this blood, on this sacrifice, on the Cross of Christ, has been all our hope. All our hope we still place there, and there alone: and all our hope we ever shall, through thy grace, rest upon the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Congregation.—O Lord our God, all our hope we have rested, do rest, and through thy grace, ever shall rest, on the precious Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Minister.—But, O Lord our God, although we have rested our hopes in thee through the atoning blood of Christ,—we lament, ye we deeply lament before thee, the little influence that the love of God, and the love of Christ, have had upon us. This we confess before thee, O our God, and for this we sorrow and sigh on this present occasion.

Congregation.—Lord God, we sorrow and sigh before thee, that thy love, and the love of Christ, have had so little effect upon our hearts and upon our lives.

Minister.—O Lord, forgive us, we pray thee, for-

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give us, we beseech thee, all our past transgressions, and all our ungodliness; forgive us all our slothfulness, and all our forgetfulness, and all our coldness, and all our lukewarmness, in thy service, and in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. O our Father, forgive us, for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer

Congregation.—Lord, forgive us all our past sins, and ungodliness, and our indifference in thy service; forgive us, O our Father, for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer.

Minister.—And now, O God, our Father, look compassionately upon us, O look very compassionately upon us. Remember, O Lord, that we are dust; and as a Father pitieth his children, so do thou pity us. O restore us to thy favour, and let the light of thy countenance shine upon us, for the sake of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Saviour.

Congregation.—O our God, as a father pitieth his children, so do thou most graciously pity us now sighing and crying before thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Advocate and Saviour.

Minister.—O Lord our God, we now see, more than ever we have seen, what need we have of thy Spirit to dwell within us. We adore thee, O our God, for letting us see this our need. And now, we beseech thee, we most earnestly beseech thee, to grant unto us, *a very gracious and abundant measure of thy Spirit, that we may live upon thee in Christ, and live unto thee in every thing, and wholly and entirely.*

Congregation.—Lord God, grant unto us a large measure of thy Holy Spirit, that we may, through Christ, live in thee, and to thee, in every thing, and wholly and entirely.

Minister.—O Lord our God, thou knowest all our trials, our temptations, our snares and our dangers; thou knowest our pride, and our vanity, and our

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ignorance, our waywardness, and our weakness. O God, have mercy and compassion upon us, and do thou thyself strengthen us that we may stand.

Congregation.—Lord, we are very sinful and weak, but do thou strengthen us, and we shall stand.

Minister.—O Most Gracious God, give unto us all, a spirit of true, of deep, and constant humility in thy holy sight. May we humble ourselves under thy mighty hand, because of our sins, and our guiltiness, and our corruptions, and because of our pride, and our vanity, and our ignorance, and our weakness. O may our hearts be ever broken before thee, and may we live in constant self abasement and contrition of soul. Nevertheless, O our God, may we ever possess a sweet hope and joy, in the midst of our sorrow, through the all and ever precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord, may we live in constant contrition and self abasement before thee, yet also in hope and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord our God, may this constant contrition of soul, produce on all our feelings, thoughts, words, and actions, a most holy and blessed effect. May we be led thereby to sympathise with others, and to pity and compassionate them in all their ways; and may we act towards all in the spirit of lowliness and meekness, and in all gentleness, tenderness, and love.

Congregation.—O Lord, enable us in all contrition before thee, to walk towards all our fellow men, in the spirit of lowliness, tenderness, and love.

Minister.—O Lord God our Father, we would remember the trials and temptations, and sufferings of our Great High Priest, the Author and Finisher of our Salvation. O Lord, we are taught in thy word, that it was befitting that the captain of our salvation should go through all those sorrows and afflictions

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which he endured, that he might bring many sons unto glory. We are taught, O God, that it was needful that our Great Redeemer should be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people: and we are graciously assured from thee, that inasmuch as he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour his people when thy are tempted. O God our Father, we rejoice in these thy divine arrangements, and for the great consolation which thou hast thereby given to us poor sinners under all our trials and temptations.

Congregation.—O God our Father, we rejoice in these thy divine arrangements, and bless thee for the great consolation which thou hast thereby given unto us poor sinners in all our afflictions and temptations.

Minister.—O Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, be near unto us, and succour us, and deliver us, in all our temptations, afflictions, and distresses.

Congregation.—O Lord Jesus, be near unto us, and deliver us in all our distresses.

Minister.—O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, take away all our sins, and wash us and make us clean, pure, and white, in thine own all precious and atoning blood.

Congregation.—O Lamb of God, wash us, and make us clean, in thy precious atoning blood.

Minister.—O Lord Jesus our Redeemer, thou didst endure the cross and despise the shame, and art now seated at the right hand of God: enable us, O Lord our Saviour, in humble imitation of thy glorious example, enable us to take up our cross and follow thee: and let not the sufferings of thy cross, nor the troubles and shame it may draw upon us, be too great for us; but may we be strong in thy grace, and gladly and

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cheerfully take up the cross, and follow thee through evil report and good report. May our eyes be fixed on thy glory at the right hand of God, and may we fight and overcome, and be at length set down with thee upon thy throne in glory.

Congregation.—Lord Jesus, enable us to take up thy cross and follow thee in all things, and may we at last obtain that glory which thou hast promised to those who love thee.

Minister.—Lord Jesus, enable us to think and meditate on thy sufferings here below on our account. O keep us from being weary and faint in our minds under our trials. O Lord, grant us grace, grant us strength, grant us peace and joy under them all, that thy Blessed Name may be magnified in us.

Congregation.—Lord Jesus, grant us thy grace and peace, under all our trials, that we may glorify thy name.

Minister.—Lord Jesus, Blessed Saviour, thou wentest through afflictions that thou mightest know them for our good, and mightest know how to feel for us under all our distresses,—assure us, we beseech thee, of thy feeling and love for us, O our Saviour,—assure us, that all our afflictions are known to thee, and felt by thee,—and assure us, that thou wilt not suffer us to fall under them, nor allow them to go beyond what is truly for our good. Assure us, Dear Saviour, that thou art the same yesterday, to day, and for ever, and that there dwelleth in thy breast now the same love that brought thee down from heaven for our salvation, —the same love that made thee take our infirmities and bear our sorrows,—the same love that made thee humble thyself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross on our behalf; assure us, Dear Saviour, of all this thy love towards us, and grant us thy grace, not only to bear our trials and afflictions, but to glory in them as the divine means of making

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us partakers of thy holiness now, and of thy glory hereafter.

Congregation.—Lord Jesus, assure us of thy continued love towards us, and make us patient and joyful under all thy dispensations, knowing that all of them are means in thy hand for our good, and our glory.

Minister.—Lord Jesus, we therefore pour out our hearts to thee, and to thy God and our God, to thy Father and our Father, and we do most earnestly implore thee ever to be with us:—be thou with us, O our Saviour, whenever we are in pain and affliction of body: be with us under all our troubles and perplexities of mind,—under all our doubts, misgivings, and distresses in spirit: be with us, O Lord, under the trials of want, and under the trials of plenty: be with us in sorrow, be with us in joy: be with us in afflictions from without, be with us in afflictions from within: be with us under the temptations of the devil, be with us under temptations from men, be with us under temptations from our own evil hearts:—be with us, O Lord, under every temptation and snare, and make for us a way of escape under them all; and grant unto us, O Lord, most graciously, that through life, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, we may rejoice and glory before thee.

Congregation.—Lord Jesus, be thou ever with us, preserve us, and bless us; and, throughout life, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, may we rejoice and glory before thee.

Minister.—O Lord God Almighty, the Father of glory, the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,—most graciously and benignantly look on us at this time, we earnestly beseech thee, and grant us thy smiles, and the light of thy countenance, for in thy favour alone is our life,—in thy favour alone is our hope, and our peace, and our pleasure,

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and joy,—and in thee alone would we glory. O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation and comfort, speak peace to our souls which we have at this time laid open before thee. Turn us not away, O Lord, without a blessing, and let the blessing thou now givest us be large and bountiful. Thou, O Lord, art rich in mercy, grant us therefore a blessing above all we can ask or think, for all that we ask, and all that we hope for, is in, and through, and by the Lord Jesus Christ, our Mediator, our Advocate, and our Intercessor.

Congregation.—O God, who art rich in mercy, grant us now a blessing most bountiful, and above all that we can ask or think, through, and by, and in our Blessed Redeemer.

Minister.—And now, O Lord our God, we would and we do join, with the multitude around thy throne, and say with them,—Blessing, and Glory, and Wisdom, and Thanksgiving, and Honour, and Power, and Might, be unto our God, for ever, and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All standing.]

Minister.—Let us again sing to the praise and the glory of God.—[The hymn to be named, and the two first lines pronounced as before.]

1. By thy birth and early years,
   By thy human griefs and fears;
   By thy fasting and distress,
   In the lonely wilderness;
   By thy victory in the hour
   Of the subtle tempter's power,—
   Jesus! look with pitying eye,
   Hear our solemn litany.

2. By the sympathy that wept
   O'er the grave where Lazarus slept;
   By thy bitter tears, that flowed
   Over Salem's lost abode;

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By the troubled sigh that told
Treason lurked within thy fold,—
Jesus! look with pitying eye,
Hear our solemn litany.

3. By thine hour of dark despair;
By thine agony of prayer;
By the purple robe of scorn;
By thy wounds, thy crown of thorn,
Cross and passion, pangs and cries;
By thy perfect sacrifice,—
Jesus! look with pitying eye,
Hear our solemn litany.

4. By thy deep expiring groan;
By the sealed sepulchral stone;
By thy triumph o'er the grave;
By thy power from death to save,—
Mighty God! ascended Lord,
To thy throne in heaven restored!
Prince and Saviour! hear the cry
Of our solemn litany.

[Still standing.]

Minister.—In the view of Reading and Hearing God's Holy Word,—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and Eternal Jehovah, before whom we would desire at all times to humble ourselves, and especially on this day of confessions and supplications,—O Lord, we confess before thee, that amongst our manifold sins, great has been our guilt in the manner in which we have treated thy Holy Word of Revelation. O God, how lightly have we esteemed thy blessed and precious gift of the Holy Scriptures, how ungrateful have we been to thee, for the capability thou hast given us of reading thy word for ourselves; how little have we read thy word in all time past, how little have we learned from it, and how

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very little have we been brought to bow our stiff necks and our proud wills to thy holy instructions given us in this Sacred Book. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us, through the blood of atonement.

Congregation.—O Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us, through the blood of atonement.

Minister.—O God, may we truly repent before thee of this our wickedness and ungodliness, and may we henceforth do works meet for repentance. O let thy word, now, henceforth, and through all our life, be our chief delight. May we no more be unthankful for the heavenly boon, may we no more neglect our readings of it, may we more earnestly pray for enlightenment from its hallowed pages, and O enable us henceforth to bow ourselves entirely in mind body and soul, to the doctrines and precepts of this Blessed Volume.

Congregation.—O Lord, enable us to bow ourselves entirely in mind body and soul to the doctrines and precepts of thy Blessed Book.

Minister.—Almighty God, we now commence our Public Reading of thy Holy Word. O be pleased to give us thy presence and thy blessing whilst we are thus engaged. Let us give all attention to thy solemn voice to us from the heavens, and let us profoundly reverence all thy sayings. Give us a clear understanding, O our God, and a sound judgment, and an honest heart, to receive, comprehend, and treasure up thy blessed and eternal declarations: may we have strong faith in them, may we live according to them, and may we live by them for ever and ever.

Congregation.—O Lord, let us truly receive thy eternal declarations, let us live in them through all our pilgrimage, and may we live by them for ever and ever.

Minister.—O Most Blessed and Gracious God, let others and all of our fellow creatures throughout

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this unhappy sinful world partake of the rich privilege of thy word which we enjoy. Soon, O our God, may the Holy Scriptures, be translated into all the languages spoken among the nations: and let it be speedily printed in all these tongues, and be sent forth through the earth in every direction. And be pleased, O God, to awaken all kingdoms, and kindreds to desire to learn thy Holy Name, and readily to receive thy word when presented to them. We adore thee, most gracious God, for what thou hast done in these few years that are past, to spread thy word abroad. O let thy blessing richly descend on all who have received it. And may this work of circulating thy word be rapidly carried forward to a glorious consummation, and may thy name, and thy name only be exalted.

Congregation.—Most Gracious God, speedily carry thy word through all the earth, and may thy name only be exalted.

Minister.—O Most Holy God, and our heavenly Father, mercifully vouchsafe us thy immediate and gracious and abundant blessing in the reading and hearing of thy word at this time, through our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth to make intercession for us: amen.

Congregation—Amen, and amen.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—The First Portion of our Scripture Reading is in the Book of [Genesis] the [Fifth] Chapter.

[When the Minister has spoken these words, let all the Congregation open their Bibles at the place mentioned, and diligently attend whilst God's Holy Word is read in their hearing.]

Minister.—[At the close of the chapter,]—Here endeth the First Portion of our Scripture Reading.

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[After the same manner the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Portions are to be read, the Minister saying at the close of the last,—" Here conclude our Present Readings of the Word of God."]

[The Minister still standing; and the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us now praise God for all his blessings to us in the Holy Scriptures.—The hymn following: or, the hymn No.—[pronouncing as beforethe two first lines.]

[All stand.]

1. The Lord declares his will,
   And keeps the world in awe;
   Amidst the smoke on Sinai's hill,
   Breaks out his fiery law.

2. The Lord reveals his face,
   And smiling from above
   Sends down the gospel of his grace,
   The epistles of his love.

3. These sacred words impart
   Our Maker's just commands;
   The pity of his melting heart,
   And vengeance of his hands.

4. Hence we awake our fear,
   We draw our comfort hence;
   The arms of grace are treasured here,
   And armour of defence.

5. We learn Christ crucified,
   And here behold his blood;
   All arts and knowledges beside
   Will do us little good.

6. We read the heavenly word,
   We take the offered grace,
   Obey the statutes of the Lord,
   And trust his promises.

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[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us now attend to the Preaching and Hearing of God's Holy Word,—commencing by Prayer.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and Most Holy God, in whichever way we view ourselves and our past ways, we have reason to be ashamed. Thy blessed arrangements on our behalf, how much have we neglected, and how little has our profit been. Amongst our other confessions on this day, we confess before thee our negligence respecting the ordinance of Preaching which thou hast appointed for our good. How often have we been careless under this administration in thy kingdom, and how much have we neglected to do what has been set before us. Merciful God, we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins in this matter; and O do thou grant us grace henceforth more diligently to give heed to this ordinance, and to reap more profit from it.

Congregation.—O Lord, mercifully forgive our neglects in regard to the ordinance of Preaching, and henceforth may we act a better part.

Minister.—Most graciously, O our God, be with us now in waiting on thee in this service of Preaching and Expounding thy Blessed Book of knowledge and of life. Guide thy Servant, O God, in ministering herein: may he be faithful, and clear, and urgent in his ministrations: and may he be careful to manifest the effects of his services in his own conduct and ways. Bless all thy Ministers, O God, in all their studies, and in all their public administrations, and may they ever acquit themselves as workmen who have no need to be ashamed of the work they do. Preserve thy Servants, O God, from slothfulness in

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their holy calling, and preserve them from all misapplications of their time and their talents.

Congregation.—O Lord, make thy Servant here before thee, and all thy Servants, faithful, wise and zealous in all their ministrations.

Minister.—O Lord God, mercifully look on all this audience, and let all be most attentive to what shall be said. And, O our Father, may we all under a spirit of humility arising from our past neglects arouse ourselves to give more attention at this time and henceforth, than ever we have yet done: and in waiting on thee in this ordinance may we truly receive spiritual and everlasting food.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us spiritual and everlasting food, that we may never die, but have eternal life.

Minister.—O Lord our God, very graciously look on us, we beseech thee, and deal not with us according to our iniquities, but according to thy tender mercies, through our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Congregation sit.]

[The Sermon is now delivered; and is succeeded by the following Prayer, which concludes the Service.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord God of our Salvation, give us a right spirit to receive the reproofs and instructions that have now been administered to us in thy name. O save us from all obstinacy of mind and obduracy of heart, and from a spirit of pride and of vanity.

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Give us, O our God, to be humble and contrite before thee.

Congregation.—O Most Holy God, give us to be humble and contrite before thee.

Minister.—O Lord our God and our Father, give unto us we beseech thee, a holy ambition after divine things: may we reach forth to the glorious objects set before us, and press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus: may we fight the good fight of faith after a manly and a godly manner, and O may we lay hold on and obtain that eternal weight of glory which thou hast promised in Christ Jesus to all those who love and obey thee.

Congregation.—Lord God, may we indeed fight the good fight of faith, and seize the prize of eternal life.

Minister.—And now, O Lord God, of mercy pity and love, tenderly and most graciously look upon us all at the close of this service. O let us find that it is no vain thing to wait upon thee. We have humbled ourselves before thee, Most Gracious Father. We confess that our humiliations are imperfect and defiled: but, O Lord God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember, O remember, we beseech thee, the humiliations of Jesus Christ thy Beloved Son: holy and perfect was his humiliation before thee; and complete and glorious was the atonement which he made for us poor sinners. For his sake then, O our God, forgive, O forgive us, all our imperfections, and transgressions, and guilt; and accept of us, O Father of glory, and call us, and make us, in every sense, thy sons and daughters, the friends, and the brethren of thy Beloved Son, and members of thy great family in heaven and earth: and at last may we sit down with our Adorable Redeemer and thy Ever-Blessed Self in glory ineffable and eternal.

Congregation.—Father of glory, receive us now as

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members of thy family, and finally receive us, through our Lord Jesus Christ, into glory eneffable and eternal.

Minister.—Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,—to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE,

FOR

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God, with all solemnity, and in spirit, and in truth.— — Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we adore thee for the Redemption of this guilty and condemned world: we adore thee for the means of grace, of mercy, and of peace, which thou hast given us through the dispositions of thy Providence, and the operations of the Holy Ghost. Grant O God, we beseech thee, that these means of thy grace and of thy love towards us, may prove effectual to our salvation and glory.

Congregation.—O Lord, let thy goodness towards us prove our salvation and glory.

Minister.—For these blessed ends, O our God, be pleased to vouchsafe unto us freely and abundantly thy Holy Spirit, that so thy dealings with us in thy kingdom, may instruct and root and ground us, in the knowledge of the gospel of Christ in all its parts; may keep us in the love of God, bringing forth the fruits of holiness abundantly; and finally may we have a

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glorious entrance into thy eternal kingdom of love and holiness, of glory and immortality.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us thy Spirit, and keep us in the love of God unto eternal life.

Minister.—We adore thee, O Father of mercies, for all thy arrangements and appointments in thy house and kingdom. We adore thee for this holy day, we adore thee for the public ministrations of the gospel, and we bless thy name that we in thy providence are so circumstanced as to be able to wait on thee with convenience and comfort on this thy day, and in this thy house.—We thank thee, O our Father, for thy goodness to us in the former part of this day. Give us thy blessing, we pray thee, with all that we were then engaged in: and now, O Lord God, condescend again to come into this house, and let thy presence and thy glory shine on us and around us, and fill us all with thy love, and with thy grace and peace and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord and our Saviour.

Congregation.—O Lord, let thy presence fill this house, and every heart, this afternoon through Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Most Blessed God, be with us, we pray thee, in all our services, and grant that every thing may be so conducted, and so attended to, that thy name may be glorified in us, and that our souls may richly profit by thy ministrations for our instruction, comfort, and edification. Guide us, O Lord, into the knowledge of thy holy word whilst it is read and expounded to us: shed thy Spirit upon us, that we may truly pour out our hearts unto thee in prayer: and may we sing to thy praise, in the melody of our hearts.

Congregation—Graciously, O our God, guide us and bless us now in all our services.

Minister.—Almighty God, the Father of the whole family of heaven and earth, be pleased to look down in thy great benignity on all the assemblies of thy

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people in every part of the world, now waiting upon thee as we are: may grace and mercy and peace be abundantly multiplied upon them all. O Lord God, enlighten, and sanctify, and unite all thy people: let there be one holy, enlightened, and united church over all the earth. Bless, O God, thy Ministers, that they may guide all thy flocks to knowledge, holiness, and unity.

Congregation.—O Lord, guide all thy Ministers, and all thy flocks, by thy Holy Spirit, to knowledge, holiness, and unity.

Minister.—O Lord God, we pray very especially for this flock and this congregation, and thy Servant set over them. O let us all act singly and only for thy glory: and may we all obtain the plaudit of our Great Judge and Redeemer in the day of his appearing: O may he then say unto us all,—" Well done good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord."

Congregation.—O Lord Jesus Christ, grant us thy plaudit in thy day of glory.

Minister.—Almighty and most merciful God, we beseech thee to have mercy on all conditions of people now in this assembly, on all in this town, on all in this nation, and on all throughout the world. Bless all that are in authority among us: pity all that are in distress: have mercy on the proud, the ignorant, the erring and the vicious: let the light of the Truth where it shines, shine into all hearts; and let the glorious light of the gospel shine over all the earth, and enlighten all nations, kindreds, and people, to the glory of thy most holy name in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation.—O Lord our God, be merciful unto all conditions of people, here and everywhere, and may the glory of God speedily fill all the earth.

Minister.—Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven: Give us this day our

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daily bread: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All standing.]

Minister.—Let us now sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Oft as &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—Or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

1. Oft as I look upon the road
   That leads to yonder blest abode,
   I feel distressed and fearful:
   So many foes the passage throng,
   I am so weak, and they so strong,
   How can my soul be cheerful!

2. But when I think of Him whose power
   Can save me in a trying hour,
   And place on Him reliance,
   My soul is then ashamed of fear;
   And though ten thousand foes appear,
   I bid them all defiance.

3. The dangerous road I then pursue,
   And keep the glorious prize in view;
   With joyful hope elated:
   Strong in the Lord, in Him alone;
   Where He conducts, I follow on,
   With ardour unabated.

4. O Lord, each day renew my strength,
   And let me see thy face at length,
   With all thy people yonder:
   With them in heaven thy love declare,
   And sing thy praise for ever there,
   With gratitude and wonder.

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[Still standing.]

Minister.—In the view of Reading and Hearing God's Holy Word,—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, we adore thee for thy compassions towards our Ignorant and Depraved Race. We praise thee for that Volume of Instructions thou hast given us, that volume which teaches us respecting the Redemption of the world by thy Son Jesus Christ, which teaches us how we may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and be brought at length into thy Divine Presence, to receive thy Eternal Blessing, in the Fulness of Joy for evermore.

Congregation.—Glory be to thy name, O God, for the Volume of Redemption, and Sanctification, and Eternal Life.

Minister.—Most Blessed God, how suitable is this book for our case! Who knows our condition but thee, and who can be our Instructor but thee? Thou knowest our frame, and thou rememberest that we are dust, and thou hast dealt out thy instructions to us according to our frame and our vileness. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and enable us most humbly to receive all that thou hast taught us in this Volume—all Perfect and Divine.

Congregation.—O Lord, enable us to receive the Instructions of this Volume—all Perfect and Divine.

Minister.—Most Blessed Father, we adore thee for bringing us together at this time to read with one accord publicly and solemnly in thy heavenly volume. Give us grace, we beseech thee, that we may rightly read herein, and rightly attend to what may be brought before us as we read. Let all our minds be seasoned with humility, and with gratitude, that the words

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which may now fall from thy lips upon us may prove to us spirit and life.

Congregation.—O Lord, may thy words now prove to us spirit and life.

Minister.—Merciful Father, grant we pray thee, that this precious Book may speedily run over all the earth to the enlightening of the nations, that the kingdom or Christ may be extended from the rising to the setting sun, and that thy will may be done in this world, as it is done in heaven.

Congregation.—O Lord, may thy word have free course and be glorified over all the earth.

Minister.—Vouchsafe unto us now, O Lord our God, thy most gracious blessing whilst we wait upon thee in this part of our services on this thy holy day. Let us now eat of the bread of life administered to us in thy word, let us relish this food, and let our souls be nourished thereby unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Blessed Redeemer: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—The First Portion of our Scripture Reading is in the Book of [Genesis] the [Seventh] Chapter.

[When the Minister has spoken these words, let all the Congregation open their Bibles at the place mentioned, and diligently attend whilst God's Holy Word is read in their hearing.]

Minister.—[At the close of the chapter,]—Here endeth the First Portion of our Scripture Reading.

[After the same manner the Second and Third Portions are to be read, the Minister saying at the close of the last,—"Here conclude our Present Readings of the Word of God."]

[The Minister still standing; and the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us now praise God for all his

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blessings to us in the Holy Scriptures.—The hymn following: or, the hymn No.— [pronouncing as before the two first lines.]

[All stand.]

1. Words of eternal life to me,
O may my faith receive the whole;
Bound with my heart-strings let them be,
Hid in the secret of my soul.

2. Though heaven and earth shall pass away,
These words of prophecy are sure,
Unchangeable amidst decay,
And pure as God Himself is pure.

3. Whoe'er to these shall add alloy,
Or take one sacred fragment thence,
Them and their works will God destroy,
His arm shall be his truth's defence.

4. Firm in that truth may we abide,
Till Christ our Lord appear again;
Come, say the Spirit and the Bride,
Lord Jesus, quickly come:—Amen.

[Still standing.]

Minister.— Let us now attend to the Preaching and Hearing of God's Holy Word,—commencing by Prayer.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Merciful and gracious Father, we confess before thee our great ignorance of divine things, and we come to thee for instruction. Condescend, O Lord, we beseech thee, to instruct thy Servant whom thou hast called to minister in holy things in this place: may he be every day more and more instructed in the mysteries of thy kingdom, and be enabled to bring forth things new and old for the edification of those placed under his charge.

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Congregation.—O Lord, graciously guide our Minister into all spiritual knowledge, and enable him to instruct us fully and faithfully in the mysteries of thy kingdom.

Minister.—Behold us, O our God, now looking up to thee for heavenly instruction and nourishment, and let us not, we pray thee, be disappointed in our expectations. Give us grace closely to attend to what is set before us from thy word, and let us meditate thereon afterwards, that so by thus receiving and pondering thy holy doctrines and precepts, our souls may be nourished up in faith and holiness, and that at length we may enjoy everlasting felicity and glory in thy blessed and eternal presence through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us grace now to attend to what may be set before us from thy holy oracles that we may be nourished up unto eternal life.

Minister.—Almighty Father, be pleased now to apply thy word by thy Holy Spirit directly and powerfully to all and every one in this assembly, and let no one escape. O let thy word pierce and divide in sunder the soul and spirit, and discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. God Almighty, grant that thy Saints may be admonished, reproved, and edified; and, O may many poor sinners be made to bow before the Lord, and to confess their sins, and sue earnestly for pardon and peace, through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. O Lord, vouchsafe indeed unto us all a blessing, and a rich blessing at this time, through the ministration of thy word, and the power of the Holy Ghost: and unto thy name shall be all the glory: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Congregation sit.]

[The Sermon is now delivered; and is succeeded by the following Prayer, which concludes the Service.]

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Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O God most holy and blessed for ever, compassionate thy poor ignorant and sinful creatures now before thee. Let us all be taught of God, for thou only canst teach us. O grant that the ministrations in which we have now been engaged may prove spirit and life unto our souls. Convince us more and more, O our God, of our ignorance, and lead us more earnestly than heretofore to pray for heavenly instruction and knowledge, and diligently to employ all the means thou hast given us for our enlargement, stability, and building up in Christ Jesus.

Congregation.—O Lord, convince us of our ignorance, and instruct us in the way of salvation.

Minister.—O God of mercy, forgive us, we pray thee, all our inattention, and wanderings, and sins, during the preaching of thy word at this time; and stir us more earnestly to desire thy ways. O Lord, let thy people here present be advanced in some degree by the words that have now been spoken, and may they be led more and more to hunger and thirst after heavenly knowlege and righteousness.

Congregation.—O Lord, grant unto us heavenly knowledge and righteousness.

Minister.—Have mercy, O Lord God, on all in this assembly who have been careless and indifferent to thy words of truth and salvation now set before them. Have mercy likewise on all who have hardened their hearts against convictions and instruction; and show unto all such, ere it be too late, their folly and danger; and, O may they yet repent, believe, obey, and be saved in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O God, arouse and convert the careless, and bring them to salvation.

Minister.—O most merciful Father, in thy great

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goodness, forgive all our sins in this service, and dismiss us now with thy blessing, and may thy blessing be on us for evermore.

Congregation.—Lord, forgive us, and dismiss us with thy blessing.

Minister.—May the peace of God which passeth all understanding rule in our hearts and minds continually: and may we ever abide in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: —Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE,

FOR

SUNDAY EVENING.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God, with all solemnity, and in spirit, and in truth. — — Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and Eternal Jehovah, we thy sinful and unworthy creatures venture again to draw near unto thee on thy holy day. Not in our own name, O Most Holy God, do we come before thee: we come in the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of him who shed his precious blood for our salvation, and who ever liveth at thy right hand to make intercession for us. Be merciful to us therefore, O our God, for his sake, and remember not our iniquities, which are great, nor compute unto us our continual transgressions; but say unto us, Your iniquities are pardoned, your transgressions are forgiven, ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, and by the sanctification of the Holy Ghost. Say unto us moreover, O our God, say unto us, My Peace be with you, and my Joy be in you; and finally, O Father of glory and God of hope, bring us, we beseech thee,

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into thy presence to receive that crown of glory which thou hast promised to all who love thee and serve thee in thy Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord our God, bless us with pardon, and grace, and glory, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—God of mercy, and grace, and loving-kindness, we thank thee and praise thee for our many, and special, and precious privileges. Thou givest unto us indeed a holy sabbath, thou givest us this day entire to wait upon thee, to renew our strength, to enlarge our views in thy kingdom, and to animate our hopes of everlasting blessedness. O may this day be ever sacred to us in all its parts, and may we ever devote this day unto the worship and service of Him whose name is named upon us, and to whose resurrection from the dead it is consecrated as a perpetual memorial. We thank thee, O merciful Father, for all thy goodness and grace to us in our services on the preceding parts of this day: and now that thou hast brought us again into thy house, O look on us most graciously, we beseech thee, and cause the light of thy countenance truly to shine upon us.

Congregation.—O Lord, we adore thee for all our privileges, and now may the light of thy countenance be upon us.

Minister.—O God of our Salvation and of all our consolations, thou hast been pleased to promise special blessings to thy people in the great congregation: when they unite their voices with one accord, in confessions, thanksgivings, and supplications, thine eyes are graciously upon them, and thine ears are open to their prayers. Remember these thy promises, O our God, and fulfil them unto us this evening, in vouchsafing to us thy sweet presence and thy abundant blessing. Whom have we, O God, in heaven, but thee, and whom and what do we seek here on this earth below, but thee. Thou, O God, the King Eter-

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nal, Immortal, and Invisible, thou art our all and our all. To thee, and thee only would we live; to thee would we die; and all our desire is to live and reign with thee in holiness, and blessedness, and glory everlasting. O bring us, bring us, we beseech thee to thy eternal kingdom and glory.

Congregation.—O God, our only hope, bring us all to thy eternal kingdom and glory.

Minister.—O most blessed and adorable Father, what shall we render unto thee for these glorious hopes which thou hast given us? Alas, we have nothing to give, but our poor worthless selves. But ourselves we do give unto thee, and devote unto thee as a living sacrifice. Thou hast redeemed us by the blood of Christ, and we are not our own. O may we constantly remember this purchase of us by the Son of God, and may we be faithful and devoted unto him who poured out his life for our salvation, and whose love is the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.

Congregation.—O Lamb of God, who laidest down thy own life for ours, let us glorify thee in our souls and bodies which are thine.

Minister.—Blessed Saviour, how gracious are thy appointments on our behalf, and how suitable to our case. Thou commandest us to meet together in thy name, that we may glorify thee with one accord, and be cheered with our mutual faces and voices, and be instructed and edified by thy ministrations. O let our simple purpose in now meeting before thee be thy glory; and grant, O Lord, that we may be instructed and animated through the means of thy appointment. O let us all earnestly desire the knowledge of thy ways, and may we hunger and thirst after thy grace, and thy mercy, and thy peace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation.—God of mercy, O let us all hunger and thirst after thy present and everlasting blessing.

Minister.—O Father of glory, let thy blessing rest

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on the Church of Jesus Christ sojourning here below. Give thy grace to thy Ministers, pour out thy spirit on all thy Flocks, and cause thy kingdom to extend, and to fill the whole earth.

Congregation.—O God, illuminate, sanctify, and extend thy Church.

Minister.—Almighty God, bless our King, and all in authority; bless our country and all its inhabitants; bless all our Relatives, and Friends. Make us truly thankful for all thy benefits, and be pleased to continue them unto us: and do thou pity all those who are afflicted, in whatever way, and overrule their afflictions for their good. O God, let ignorance, and vice, and misery, be banished speedily from all the earth; and may this world become the garden of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord, may all evil be banished from the earth, and may all good fill it, and abound in it for ever.

Minister.—Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All standing.]

Minister.—Let us now sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Awake and sing &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

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1. Awake and sing the song
   Of Moses and the Lamb!
   Wake every heart, and every tongue,
   To praise the Saviour's name!

2. Sing of his dying love,
   Sing of his rising power:
   Sing how He intercedes above,
   For us whose sins He bore.

3. Ye pilgrims on the road
   To Zion's city, sing!
   Rejoice ye in the Lamb of God,
   In Christ the' eternal King!

4. Soon shall we hear Him say,
   "Ye blessed children come!"
   Soon will He call us hence away,
   To our eternal home.

5. These shall our raptured tongue
   His endless praise proclaim;
   And sweeter voices tune the song
   Of Moses and the Lamb.

[Still standing.]

Minister.—In the view of Reading and Hearing God's Holy Word,—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord our God, enlighten, we beseech thee, our dark and benighted minds, enlighten them with the rays of thy word. We thank thee, O Lord, for giving us the Holy Scriptures, that precious Book which is to us the sun of knowledge. Let us now, O our heavenly Father, sit under its beams, and bask ourselves in knowledge divine, whilst we read together in this Book of life.

Congregation.—O Lord, let us now enjoy the beams

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of knowledge divine whilst we read together the Holy Scriptures.

Minister.—Send down upon us now, O our Father, and our God, thy Holy Spirit that we may clearly perceive the light that shines upon us from this Sacred Book. Take away our darkness, let the scales fall from our eyes, and may thy Spirit directly and powerfully apply to our understandings, our hearts, and our consciences, all the words now to be read in our hearing.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us thy Spirit, that we may now be enlightened by thy Holy Word.

Minister.—We beseech thee also, O our God, to remember our forwardness so often manifested in hearing thy word, whilst we in practice neglect it. O let it not be with us any longer after this manner; but make us, we earnestly pray thee, to be doers of thy word, and not hearers only; and let us stir ourselves up more, and more every day diligently to keep thy commandments.

Congregation.—O Lord, make us doers of thy word, and not hearers only.

Minister.—Hear us, O God of all grace, in these our petitions, and grant us, that we may see the true light, and walk in the light, and give light to all around us; and to thy name shall be all the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—The First Portion of our Scripture Reading is in the Book of [Genesis] the [Eighth] Chapter.

[When the Minister has spoken these words, let all the Congregation open their Bibles at the place mentioned, and diligently attend whilst God's Holy Word is read in their hearing.]

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Minister.—[At the close of the chapter,]—Here endeth the First Portion of our Scripture Reading.

[After the same manner the Second and Third Portions are to be read, the Minister saying at the close of the last,—" Here conclude our Present Readings of the Word of God."]

[The Minister still standing; and the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us now praise God for all his blessings to us in the Holy Scriptures.—The hymn following: or, the hymn No.—[pronouncing as before the two first lines.]

[All stand.]

1. The promises I sing,
Which sovereign love hath spoke;
Nor will the' eternal King
His words of grace revoke:
They stand secure
And steadfast still;
Not Zion's hill
Abides so sure.

2. The mountains melt away
When once the Judge appears,
And sun and moon decay,
That measure mortal years;
But still the same,
In radiant lines
The promise shines
Through all the flame.

3. Their harmony shall sound
Through my attentive ears,
When thunders cleave the ground,
And dissipate the spheres;
'Midst all the shock
Of that dread scene
I stand serene,
Thy word my rock.

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[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us now attend to the Preaching and Hearing of God's Holy Word,—commencing by Prayer.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord God, look down upon us from thy throne in heaven compassionately. Here we are before thee involved in ignorance, and sinfulness, and weakness. O how little is our knowledge of thee, and of thy kingdom, and ways. How great is our need of instruction, and how unfit are we to instruct each other. Thou, O Lord God, and thou only, canst instruct us. Unto thee do we therefore come: to thy volume of Revelation do we look, for knowledge in heavenly things, and to thy Spirit are our eyes directed, that we may be made willing and anxious to receive thy communications, and that we may be truly instructed thereby.

Congregation.—O Lord, we are all very ignorant, and weak, and sinful: O do thou thyself instruct us, by thy word and Spirit.

Minister.—Compassionately regard, O Father of mercies, thy unworthy Servant whom thou hast now commanded to stand up in this place, and to instruct this audience. Thou knowest, O God, his weakness and inefficiency: give him thy spirit to fit him for all that thou hast commanded him to do. Make him faithful in his ministrations unto this people, that he may not be ashamed thereof in the day of the Lord Jesus. Give him also for his work an understanding heart, a clear judgment, and all wisdom, and strength, that thy name may be glorified in him in the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation.—O Lord, be pleased to give much grace and strength to thy Servant now to speak unto us in the name of the Lord.

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Minister.—And now, O Lord, behold this congregation: open the eyes of all, fill every soul with heavenly food, and bring us all to thy Blessed Self, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: to whom be glory for evermore: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Congregation sit.]

[The Sermon is now delivered; and is succeeded by the following Prayer, which concludes the Service.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Lord God Almighty, pitifully regard us, and mercifully deal with us, we earnestly beseech thee. We have now heard the instructions of thy word, and have had depicted to us the way of mercy, and salvation, and righteousness, through thy only and Beloved Son Jesus Christ. But, alas, O Lord, how slender has been the attention of many here present to these things. O God, have mercy on all such, forgive them, and grant them grace to act otherwise in the time to come.—O Lord, graciously preserve the impressions which thou hast now made, as we trust, on others and many in this house. O let these impressions be permanent and everlasting, and may they be conducted hereby to heaven and everlasting glory. Feed, O thou who art the shepherd and bishop of souls, feed thine own people now before thee with the food which has been set before them from thine own word: O feed and keep those whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood, those who have fled to thee for refuge from the wrath to come, who have confessed themselves before thee in all their guiltiness, who have received pardon and peace from thee, and who are now, in all their life, and in all their ways, devoting themselves to thy service, thy honour, and glory, in this dark, miserable, and sinful world. O

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Lord, our Shepherd and King, deal most graciously with thy flock, fill them with the Holy Ghost, with grace upon grace, and with life evermore.

Congregation.—O Lord Jesus, feed thy people evermore, and have mercy upon us all.

Minister.—O Most Gracious and Ever Blessed God, look on us now, we beseech thee, in thy great goodness in our dismission at this time. Carry us safely to our abodes, and there bless us: and O carry us all safely at length to thy heavenly abodes, and bless us with glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Congregation.—O God, be with us in our dismission, carry us safely to our homes, and bring us at length to the everlasting mansions of heaven.

Minister.—May the Lord bless us, and keep us: may the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: may the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace: both now, and for evermore: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

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ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE,

ON

WEEK DAYS.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God, with all solemnity, and in spirit, and in truth. — — Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and most merciful God, we desire to come into thy presence, and deeply to humble ourselves in thy sight. O give us a right spirit in coming before thee: let us see a somewhat of thy Glory and thy Holiness: and let us understand our own vileness.

Congregation.—Almighty God, enable us to come before thee with all fear and humility.

Minister.—O God Almighty, most Holy and Glorious, we confess before thee that we are sinful creatures: we are corrupted polluted and vile. There is no goodness in us in thy sight, no holiness, no righteousness, no purity, no love. Truly, O God, we are a rebellious race, and a stiff necked generation. We are aliens, O Most Holy Jehovah, from thee, because of the sin of our First Parents; and we have alienated ourselves from thee farther and farther by our ungodliness, and our transgressions, in every period

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of our life, and in all that we have done. There is no cleanness nor soundness in us before thee, O God: we are altogether lost and undone in our iniquities.

Congregation.—O Lord God Most Holy, there is no soundness nor righteousness in us: we are all corrupted and vile before thee.

Minister.—O God of mercy, be merciful unto us, we beseech thee; O be merciful unto us, and enter not into judgment with us, for our guilt is great, and thy most holy judgments must condemn us.

Congregation.—O God, be merciful unto us, we beseech thee.

Minister.—Most Gracious God, we adore thee for giving thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be a ramson for our sins, and to make an atonement for our guilt. O Lord, wash us from all our guiltiness in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and grant unto us a full pardon, and an entire absolution from all charges that lie against us from thy holy laws in every way, so that we may fear no condemnation, but rejoice in thy acceptance of us, and in our adoption through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: to whom be glory, for ever and for ever.

Congregation.—O Lord God, absolve us from all guilt and condemnation through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: to whom be glory for ever and for ever.

Minister.—And now, O Lord our God and our Father, now that thou hast washed us from our sins, as we trust, in the atoning blood of Christ, mercifully and graciously cleanse our hearts and souls, our bodies and our spirits, by thy Holy Spirit taking possession of us, and dwelling continually within us. O enable us, we earnestly beseech thee, to put off concerning the former conversation the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and to put on the new man which is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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Congregation.—Most Blessed Father, grant unto us thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk continually before thee in holiness and righteousness.

Minister.—Almighty and most gracious God, we adore thee for thy great goodness in providing for us such ample means of instruction, of admonition, of cousolation, and of all grace. Grant us understanding, O God, to profit by thy gracious condescensions and goodness, that we may advance in the knowledge of God, and be enlarged in the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: and as we advance in knowledge, may we advance in humility and in grace.

Congregation.—O Lord, enable us to advance in knowledge, humility and in grace.

Minister.—Merciful Father, we praise thee for thy Holy Word. O let us read and study it with constant profit and delight.

Congregation.—Graciously hear us, O God.

Minister.—O Lord, we praise thee for thy Throne of Grace, ever open to us, through our Great High Priest. O let us earnestly and without ceasing come to thee on thy throne of grace through Jesus Christ, and there may we ever receive thy blessing.

Congregation.—O Lord, ever bless us at thy throne of grace.

Minister.—O Lord our God, we bless thee for all the institutions of thy house, and for commanding thy people to assemble together and to worship thee on thy Holy Day. Let us rejoice in thy services, O God, and in all thy appointments for the edification of thy Church; and may we go on to perfection thereby in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Congregation.—O Lord, may we ever be built up in Christ Jesus.

Minister.—We bless thy Name, O Lord, for

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encouraging us to meet together at other times besides the stated periods of thine own day, and we praise thee for thy promised blessing whenever we meet in thy name. We thank thee for the opportunity we now have of withdrawing from the world and its business to come into thy presence in holy public worship: and we pray for thy gracious blessing to be upon us in all our services at this time.

Congregation.—O Lord, vouchsafe to us thy blessing in this service.*

Minister.—Direct us, O our Father, in our addresses at thy throne of grace, direct us in reading and in expounding thy holy word, and direct us in our songs of praise to thy most holy name.

Congregation.—Direct us now, O Lord, in all our worship.

Minister.—Graciously, O Lord, look upon thy whole church, and bless and enlarge thy inheritance. Give grace, O God, to all thy faithful flock, and pour out thy Spirit abundantly on all thy ministers: and let all the ends of the earth bow before the Lord our Saviour.

Congregation.—O Lord, bless and increase thy inheritance.

Minister.—Almighty God, mercifully and graciously look upon our King, and bless him richly in all his ways: and may we be true and loyal to him as thy servant.

Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, bless all men in authority among us, and may we be subject to them in thy name.

Congregation.—Amen.

* By leaving out this Collect, this General Prayer might be used for Sundays.

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Minister.—Merciful God, compassionate the Poor, and all that are in distress of every kind.

Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, be merciful to the great, pity the ignorant, and have mercy on the slothful, on the vicious, and on all criminals.

Congregation.—Amen.

Minister.—Almighty God, graciously look on our native land. Great have thy favours been to us, O our God. Forgive our misuse and all our abuses of thy goodness: continue thy mercies to us we beseech thee, and let us profit more than we have heretofore done by thy good hand upon us.

Congregation.—O Lord, forgive us, and bless us still with thy goodness.

Minister.—O Thou Hearer of Prayer, let these our confessions, our thanksgivings, and supplications be acceptable in thy sight through Jesus Christ our Lord: and let thy presence be truly and abundantly with us.

Congregation.—O God, we beseech thee to hear these our prayers.

Minister.—Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[All standing.]

Minister.—Let us now sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Happiness &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or referring

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to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.

1. Happiness! thou lovely name,
Where's thy seat? O tell me where!
Learning, pleasure, wealth, and fame,
All cry out,—"It is not here."
Not the wisdom of the wise
Can inform me where it lies,
Not the grandeur of the great
Can the bliss, I seek, create.

2. Object of my first desire,
Jesus! Crucified for me,
All to happiness aspire
Only to be found in Thee:
Thee to praise, and Thee to know,
Constitute our bliss below:
Thee to see, and Thee to love
Constitute our bliss above.

3. Lord! it is not life to live
If thy presence Thou deny,
Lord! if Thou thy presence give,
'Tis no longer death—to die.
Source and Giver of repose,
Singly from thy smile it flows,
Peace and happiness are Thine,
Mine they are, if Thou art mine.

4. Whilst I feel thy love to me,
Every object teems with joy;
Here, O may I walk with thee,
Then into Thy presence die!
Let me but Thyself possess,
Total sum of happiness!
Real bliss I then shall prove,
Heaven below, and heaven above.

[Still standing.]

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Minister.—In the view of Reading and Hearing God's Holy Word,—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Thou who art the source of all intellectual, moral, and spiritual knowledge and understanding, we come unto thee for instruction. We adore thy name, O God, for graciously preparing for us a volume which might lead us unto all knowledge and truth concerning thy character, and might instruct us how to obtain thy present and eternal favour.

Congregation.—Glory be to thy name, O God, for instructing us how to obtain thy present and everlasting favour.

Minister.—O Lord, we thank thee for this opportunity of publicly reading thy holy word together, for our instruction and edification. Give us grace, we pray thee, to attend to this part of our religious exercises with that attention and solemnity which the reading of thy holy word demands.

Congregation.—O Lord, may we solemnly and attentively read and hear thy word at this time to our edification.

Minister.—Most Blessed God, be pleased we beseech thee, to remember our dark minds, our hard hearts, and our untractable dispositions, and grant us the presence and the enlightening of thy Holy Spirit whilst we read, that so we may comprehend, and receive into our hearts, thy most holy instructions now to be brought before us from this sacred volume of divine inspiration.

Congregation.—O Lord, give us thy Spirit to enlighten us at this time from thy holy word.

Minister.—Most graciously hear us, O our God, in these our petitions for thy divine blessing to be upon us in reading together thy blessed book of heavenly

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guidance, of consolation, and salvation: and this we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—The First Portion of our Scripture Reading is in the Book of [Genesis] the [Eighth] Chapter.

[When the Minister has spoken these words, let all the Congregation open their Bibles at the place mentioned, and diligently attend whilst God's Holy Word is read in their hearing.]

Minister.—[At the close of the Chapter,]—Here endeth the First Portion of our Scripture Reading.

[After the same manner the Second and Third Portions are to be read, the Minister saying at the close of the last,—"Here conclude our Present Readings of the Word of God."]

[The Minister still standing; and the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us now praise God for all his blessings to us in the Holy Scriptures.—The hymn following: or, the hymn No.— [pronouncing as before the two first lines.

[All stand.]

1. O that the Lord would guide my ways,
   To keep his statutes still!
   O that my God would grant me grace
   To know and do his will.

2. O send thy Spirit down to write
   Thy law upon my heart!
   Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
   Nor act the liar's part.

3. From vanity turn off my eyes:
   Let no corrupt design,
   Nor coveteous desires arise
   Within this soul of mine.

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4. Order my footsteps by thy word,
   And make my heart sincere,
   Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
   But keep my conscience clear.

5. My soul hath gone too far astray,
   My feet too often slip;
   Yet I have not forgot thy way,
   Restore thy wandering sheep.

6. Make me to walk in thy commands,
   'Tis a delightful road;
   Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
   Offend against my God.

[Still standing.]

Minister.—Let us now attend to the Preaching and Hearing of God's Holy Word,—commencing by Prayer.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Father of mercies, we thank thee for thy kind condescension to our wants and our circumstances, and for all the means and ways of instruction which thou hast afforded to us, that we might grow in the knowledge of divine things, and be enlarged in the kingdom of God.

Congregation.—We thank thee, O God, for all the means of instruction thou hast given us.

Minister.—We bless thy name, O our God, for commanding us to meet together for public instruction, and we praise thee for all thy arrangements herein for our good. Be with us, O our heavenly Guide at the present time, and direct us in our ministrations and services. Grant unto thy Servant, O God, who is now to expound thy word, and to explain and enforce the doctrines and precepts of the Gospel of Christ, grant unto him, we beseech thee, a right understanding, a clear judgment, and a ready utterance; and may all

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who have now assembled in this place receive much and solid instructions from his lips, that so the souls of thy people may be built up in Christ Jesus, and that some poor sinners may be brought into the fold of Christ.

Congregation.—Be with thy Servant, O God, that he may truly instruct us in thy name.

Minister.—Merciful Father, be pleased, we earnestly beseech thee, to grant unto all who have come here on the present occasion, a spirit of close attention to thy truths to be set before us; and O let them sink down into our understandings and our hearts, and produce in us abundant fruits of righteousness, to the glory of thy most holy name in us through Jesus Christ our Lord: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

[The Congregation sit.]

[The Sermon is now delivered; and is succeeded by the following Prayer, which concludes the Service.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister—O God of mercy and salvation, most graciously look down upon us through Jesus Christ thy Beloved Son, who died for our sins, and who now pleadeth for us before thy throne; and grant, O God, that the truths of thy word and salvation which have now been delivered may make lasting and extensive impressions on our minds, and may result in such effects as shall be to thy glory in us, and to our glory in thee, in the day of Jesus Christ. O Lord, be gracious unto us all, and grant that we may obtain mercy of thee in that great and eventful day.

Congregation.—O Lord, have mercy on us, and grant that these instructions may be to our glory in thee in the day of Christ.

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Minister.—O Lord, forgive all our wanderings, and all our inattention during these instructions, and during all this service. Pity our infirmities, O our God, and heal our diseases, and make us healthful and strong in the divine life. O let our light increase more and more unto the perfect day, and let us ever shine and give light to all around, that so our Father in heaven may be glorified in us, and that our fellow creatures may be savingly and eternally benefited by the means and the influence of all our ways.

Congregation.—O Lord, forgive all our wanderings, and heal our infirmities, and let thy name be glorified in us in all our ways.

Minister.—Most Gracious Father, dismiss us now with thy sanctifying and cheering blessing, and guide us, we beseech thee, with thy counsel whilst we live, and bring us at length to thine eternal glory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation.—O Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, and bring us to glory through Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Now unto the Blessed and Only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting: amen.

Congregation.—Amen, and amen.

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ORDER OF THE

COMMUNION SERVICE.

[The Minister standing: the Congregation sitting.]

Minister.—Let us Worship and Glorify God in this Holy Communion. — — Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty and Eternal Majesty of heaven and earth, behold us poor sinners coming before thee at thy call and invitation. Most Blessed God, never should we have thought of coming to thee, hadst not thou made us to think on thee, and to come; and never, O Most Holy God, durst we have ventured and presumed to come unto thee, hadst not thou told us we might, hadst not thou reconciled the world to thyself by thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, we adore thee for this access to thy presence and favour which thou hast given us, in thy compassion and tender mercy to our souls.

Communicants.—Almighty God, we adoret hee for this access to thy presence and favour which thou hast given us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Most Holy Father, enable us to come into thy presence in that frame of mind which we ought to have when we contemplate thy Most Holy

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Character, and contrast with it our own which is most sinful, guilty, and rebellious. Yes, O God Most Just and Holy, we are a rebellious race, and rebellious individuals. We confess before thee, O God, that we are covered over, and filled with, iniquities, transgressions and sins, that we are shamefully ignorant of thy Most Glorious Character and Ways, and that we are absolutely and entirely guilty and corrupted in thy sight.

Communicants.—Lord God, we confess before thee, that we are most sinful, most guilty, most ignorant, and most corrupt, in thy holy sight.

Minister.—O God our heavenly Father, what shall we render unto thee for compassionating us in our low and lost estate, and for thy unspeakable mercy and love in giving thy Son to save us from wrath, and to bring us unto everlasting glory. O Lord God, fill our hearts with love to thee, fervent and abounding and may we devote ourselves to thy service all our life long, and in every thing. O may we praise, honour, and adore thee, unceasingly in life, and for evermore.

Communicants.—Lord God Almighty, may we praise, honour, and adore thee, unceasingly in life, and for evermore.

Minister.—Most Blessed God, surely thou hast forgiven our sins and washed us from all our guilt and defilements, for thou hast brought us to see our guiltiness, and to confess our sins before thee, and to look to thee for mercy in the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanseth from all sin, and purifies poor sinners so as to make them acceptable in thy most holy sight. Lord God, surely we are thy sons and daughters, and heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, for such blessedness hast thou promised to every sinner who turns to thee in sincerity of heart through the great sacrifice which was made for our guilty world. O God our heavenly Father, fulfil unto us thy most blessed and gracious promises in thy Beloved Son

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Jesus Christ, and send down thy Holy Spirit bountifully upon us, that we may think, and feel, and speak as the Children of God holy and beloved, and may shine and give light in this dark world in which we live, that thy name, Most Holy Father, may be honoured and adored through our weak instrumentality: and when thou hast served thy purposes with us here below, then give unto us, O our Father, that kingdom, and glory, and honour, and immortality, which thou hast promised to us in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Communicants.—Lord God our heavenly Father, bless thy children with thy Spirit, and with glory, and honour everlasting, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Most Gracious Father, be pleased, we beseech thee, to feed thy children with heavenly food, for through this food we shall live for ever: O feed us, we pray and entreat thee, with the food on which the angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect, live in thy presence. O set our affections on things above, O feed us with the bread of life, O let us live for ever and ever before thee.

Communicants.—O feed us, feed us, our Father in heaven, with the bread of life.

Minister.—O our God and our Father, all thanks and glory be unto thy most gracious name, thou God of love, for bringing us here into this place to day to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus Christ, and to have fellowship with the Father Everlasting, and with the Son of God, in the Holy Ghost. O our Father, for ever blessed be thy name for this feast on earth in anticipation of the feast everlasting above in thy presence in glory unspeakable and eternal.

Communicants.—Glory and glory, O God, be unto thy name for this feast of love, and for the blessed hope of the feast everlasting.

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Minister.—And now, O our Father and our God, since thou hast in so great mercy and love brought us here in thy divine favour, O let thy most blessed presence be with us whilst we wait upon thee: O bless us in reading thy most holy word, bless us in expounding and exhortation, bless us in pouring out our hearts to thee in our united prayers, bless us in eating and drinking in this holy sacrament, bless us in our silent individual supplications, and bless us in singing to thy glory and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour: amen.

Communicants.—Amen, and amen.

[All rise and stand.]

Minister.—Let us now sing to the praise and the glory of God:—" 'Twas on that night" &c.:—[pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know,
   The eager rage of every foe:
   That night in which he was betrayed,
   The Saviour of the world took bread:

2. And, after thanks and glory given,
   To him that rules in earth and heaven,
   That symbol of his flesh he broke,
   And thus to all his followers spoke:—

3. 'My broken body thus I give,
   'For you, my friends; take, eat, and live;
   'And oft the sacred feast renew,
   'That brings my wonderous love to view.'

4. Then in his hand the cup he raised,
   And God anew he thanked and praised;
   While kindness in his bosom glowed,
   And from his lips salvation flowed:—

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5. ‘ My blood I thus pour forth, he cries,
‘ To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
‘ In this the covenant is sealed,
‘ And heaven’s eternal grace revealed.

6. ‘ This cup is fraught with love to men!
‘ Let all partake who know my name;
‘ Through latest ages let it pour,
‘ In mem’ry of my dying hour.’

[The Congregation sit.]

Minister.—Let us now read some portions of Holy Scripture immediately bearing on this Sacred Ordinance.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—[John 3: 14-17, 35, 36.]

And Jesus said unto them: the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father’s will who hath sent me, that of all whom he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one who seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have ever-

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lasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, ever he shall live by me. This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.—It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.—[John 6: 33, 35, 37-40, 47-51, 53-58, 63.]

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father who gave them me is greater than all; and no man is

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able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.—[John 10: 14-18, 27-30.]

Christ being come a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.—When Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, this is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry: and almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these: For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.—[Hebrews 9: 11-14, 19-24.]

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation, worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength,

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in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commended his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more than being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation.—[Romans 5: 1-11.]

There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh,

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ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.—What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? (As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter). Nay in all these things we are more than conquerers through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—[Romans, 8: 1-18, 31-39.]

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you: and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive

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you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.—[John 14: 1-3.]

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.—[Matthew 26: 26-28.]

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup: for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—[Corinthians, 11: 23-29.]

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened: for even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.—[Corinthians, 5: 7, 8.]

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy

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might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.—[John, 15: 9-14.]

[When these passages have been read, the Minister will briefly address the Communicants, upon the nature, guilt, and punishment of sin, upon the atonement of Christ, upon faith in his blood, upon forgiveness, and upon Christian holiness; taking special care to fix their attention, on their own individual condition in the sight of God, as respects Repentance, and Faith in Christ, and as respects their Actual Life and Conduct in all their motives and actions. He will explain to them the nature of this Ordinance, and state that none should be partakers of it, but those who, in a repentant spirit, look to the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ alone for the pardon of their sins, and who, thus trusting in the merits of the Redeemer, give themselves up to be guided entirely by the commandments of their Lord and Saviour.—He will then proceed as follows.]

Minister.—Let us give thanks and glory to God, for the salvation of Christ, and for this Ordinance.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, we praise and adore thee for thy mercy and compassion to this sinful world. We bless thee for sending thy Son Jesus Christ to seek and to save our fallen and sinful race. We adore thee that he was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification, and that his blood cleanseth from all sin.

Communicants.—O God, we bless thee for the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ.

Minister.—Father of mercies, we adore thy name for thy gracious declaration, that whosoever believeth in thy Son Jesus Christ shall obtain the forgiveness of all his sins, and shall enjoy thy favour, in life, and in death, at the day of judgment, and throughout all eternity.

Communicants.—Lord Almighty, we adore thee

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for promising to us, through Christ, the forgiveness of sins, and thine everlasting favour.

Minister.—Most Blessed Father, we magnify thy name for bringing us to the knowledge of thy salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and for enabling us to rest all our hopes on his most precious blood. Grant unto us, O God, that we may continue ever to rest on this solid foundation which thou hast laid for us.

Communicants.—O Lord, we bless thee for leading us to the blood of Christ, and pray thee to keep us trusting therein continually.

Minister.—Most Gracious Father, grant unto us that we may truly live unto him who died for us, and that our whole life may be a life of love, gratitude, and obedience, to our Blessed Redeemer, to the glory of thy Most Holy Name.

Communicants.—O Lord, grant that we may live entirely devoted to Thee, in our Blessed Redeemer.

Minister.—O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thank thee for covering This Table with the emblems of the body and of the blood of Christ, and for honouring us to eat and drink at thy Table in thy Kingdom. O God, may our hearts be deeply and warmly affected whilst we partake of these emblems. May the love of God be truly and abundantly impressed upon our hearts. O grant unto us, that we may rejoice in our Father, and in our Redeemer, with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Graciously come in, O Lord, and sup with us at this time, and make us to sup with thee. May the light of thy countenance shine upon us in partaking of this feast, and may we truly have fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ, through the Holy Ghost dwelling in us.

Communicants.—O Lord, we bless thee for this feast of love. May the light of thy countenance shine upon us in our Blessed Redeemer.

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Minister.—Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,—to the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and for ever: amen

Communicants.—To the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and for ever: amen, and amen.

[All resume their seats.]

Minister.—[Standing.]—The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed took Bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his Disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; this do in Remembrance of me."

[Here the Minister and his Assistants partake, and immediately after the whole.—See the Rubric, page 19.]

Minister.—Let us again give thanks and glory to God, for the Salvation of Christ, and for this Institution.

[Here all kneel, and the preceding prayer is again used. After which all seat themselves as before.]

Minister.—[Standing.]—After the same manner in which the Lord Jesus had taken the Bread and given it to his Disciples, he also took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it," and they all drank of it; and he said unto them, "This Cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, and for many; for the Remission of sins. This do ye as oft as ye drink it, in Remembrance of me."—[See the Rubric, page 19.]

[All standing.]

Minister.—Beloved Brethren,—Hear and Receive

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the Consolations of this Holy Communion with Jesus Christ our Saviour, who gave his life a ransom unto God for our Redemption:—Unto all who know and confess themselves Sinners and Condemned, and who look exclusively to the Atoning Blood of Christ for the Pardon of their Sins,—and who sincerely and earnestly endeavour to do the will of Jesus Christ in all things,—this Ordinance may be considered as a token of absolution from all guilt and condemnation, as a token of the favour of God Almighty, and as a pledge of Everlasting Life and Blessedness.

Minister.—Let us now declare before God, our guilt, and our faith, and our hope, and our manner of life.

[All kneel.]

Minister and Communicants.—O Lord God Almighty, thou knowest all things,—thou knowest that I believe and feel myself sinful and guilty before thee,—thou knowest, that I do look to the Blood of Jesus Christ alone, for the Pardon of my Sins, and for Life Everlasting;—and thou knowest, O God, that all my desire is, to glorify thee,—by an unfeigned and constant obedience, in all things, to the will of Jesus Christ, my Saviour and my Lord.

[A short pause.]

Minister and Communicants.—O Lord God Almighty, graciously absolve every one of us from all our guilt,—cause the light of thy countenance to shine upon us in the Holy Ghost,—and finally bring us to thy eternal kingdom and glory,—through our Lord Jesus Christ;—amen, and amen.

Minister.—Let us now sing a Hymn, as our Lord and his Disciples did at the close of this Ordinance.—"Let us love &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

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[All stand.]

1. Let us *love*, and *sing*, and *wonder*,
   Let us *praise* the Saviour's name!
   He has hushed the Law's loud thunder,
   He has quenched mount Sinai's flame;
   He has washed us with his blood;
   He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us *love* the Lord who bought us,
   Pitied us when enemies,
   Called us by his grace, and taught us,
   Gave us ears, and gave us eyes:
   He has washed us with his blood,
   He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us *sing*, though fierce temptation
   Threaten hard to bear us down!
   For the Lord, our strong salvation,
   Holds in view the conqueror's crown;
   He who washed us with his blood,
   Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us *wonder*, grace and justice
   Join, and point to mercy's store;
   When through grace in Christ our trust is,
   Justice smiles, and asks no more;
   He who washed us with his blood,
   Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us *praise*, and join the chorus
   Of the saints enthroned on high;
   Here they trusted him before us,
   Now their praises fill the sky;
   "Thou hast washed us with thy blood,
   Thou art worthy Lamb of God."

6. Hark! the name of Jesus sounded
   Loud from golden harps above!
   Lord, we blush, and are confounded,
   Faint our praises, cold our love!
   Wash our souls and songs with blood,
   For by thee we come to God.

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[All kneel.]

Minister.—May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,—make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever: amen.

Communicants.—To whom be glory for ever and ever: amen, and amen.

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MARRIAGE.

[It were to be desired, that the knot of matrimony, in a Legal point of view should be made by some Civil Officer, or Magistrate appointed for this object; and that a complete system of Registration of Marriages should be adopted for the British Empire. This register should also be printed at the close of fixed periods, and a copy of it should be sent to every Parish, and there carefully filed, or bound up in a book. Several Public Functionaries should also be furnished with copies, and be obliged to keep it with all due care. It should likewise be printed in a convenient and cheap form for sale, in order that any one might easily procure it.

But though the Legal part of matrimony should be thus arranged, we must still consider that Marriage is a Religious as well as a Political Institution; and all persons who fear God, and know the salvation of Christ, will desire to have this New Relationship duly celebrated by a Minister of Jesus Christ, the man on whom they attend for spiritual instruction, and in the company of their relatives, friends, and acquaintances. For the celebration of it in this way the Service here given is arranged.

Special and ample arrangements should me made in the Publishing of Banns. It does not seem sufficient to do this only in the church or churches to which the parties belong, for the changes in the state of society about to take place as indicated by this publication may affect other and more distant parts of the community, and should therefore be duly known wherever the public is affected by the results.—It would be better to have marriages celebrated only on Week Days, giving intimation in the church on the Sunday preceding, naming the day and hour, and the parties to be united.]

[The Assembly seated.]

Minister.—Let us read the Instructions given in Holy Scripture respecting this Institution.

And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a help meet for him. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl

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of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.—[Genesis, 2: 18, 20-24.]

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.—[Hebrews, 13: 4.]

The woman who hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then, if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress though she be married to another man.—[Romans, 7: 2, 3.]

The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the Lord.—[1 Corinthians, 7: 39.]

And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her who is put away, doth commit adultery.—[Matthew, 19: 9.]

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.—[1 Corinthians, 11: 3.]

Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church

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is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.—Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself, and let the wife see that she reverence her husband.—[Ephesians, 5: 22-33.]

Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit, in the Lord.—Husbands love your wives, and be not bitter against them.—[Colossians, 3: 18, 19.]

Likewise ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: even as Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him lord, whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.—Likewise ye

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husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered.—[1 Peter, 3: 1-7.]

[All standing.]

Minister.—[Addressing himself to the Man.]—What is your Name?
The Man.—My Name is A. B.

Minister.—Have you any other Name?
The Man.—No.*

Minister.—[Addressing himself to the Woman.]—What is your Name?
The Woman.—My Name is C. D.

Minister.—Have you any other Name?
The Woman.—No.

[When these questions have been put and answered, the Man will take the Woman's Right Hand with his Right Hand.]

Minister.—[Addressing himself to the Man.]—Do you A. B. take C. D. the Woman whose right hand you now hold in yours, to be your Wife, according to the laws of marriage in the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
The Man.—I do.

Minister.—[Addressing himself to the Woman.]—Do you C. D. take A. B. the Man whose right hand you now hold in yours, to be your Husband, according to the laws of marriage in the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
The Woman.—I do.

[Here the Ring should be put on.]

* It would be well to have an Enactment of the Legislature, designating the Crime, and the Punishment, of Falsifying Names in the Marriage Contract and Ceremony.

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Minister.—You A. B. and C. D. have now in the Presence of Almighty God, and in the sight and hearing of all now assembled in this place,—you have declared yourselves Husband and Wife, from this time, and as long as both of you shall be in life. God therefore has joined you together in one in this ordinance, and let not man put you assunder. May God Almighty give grace to both of you to live according to his Holy Instructions which have at this time been read in your hearing: And may you enjoy great happiness together in this Union.

[Let the Minister here give an Address on the duties of Married Life.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O God, thou art the Creator of this world, and the arranger of all its concerns. Thou hast created mankind, male and female; and thou hast appointed that the man should leave his father and his mother, and should cleave unto his wife, and that thenceforth they two should be one. Be pleased therefore, O God our Creator to look in kindness and love upon these two persons now in thy presence who have at this time been united together according to thy holy institution. Grant unto them, O Lord, thy rich and abundant blessing in this their union, and may it prove to them, for their temporal, their spiritual, and their eternal welfare.

Assembly.—O God, the Creator and Legislator of the Universe, be pleased to bless these two persons now united together according to thy holy appointment, and make them to each other, a present, and an everlasting blessing.

Minister.—Almighty Father, grant unto these two now formed into one thy Holy Spirit to teach them the precepts of thy word respecting their duties in

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this new and close relationship in which they now stand to each other. May these thy injunctions which have been read in their hearing at this time be deeply impressed upon their minds and upon their hearts: may they meditate on them day after day, and be enabled to obey them with willingness, affection, and constancy. May they prove true and sweet helps to each other in all the vicissitudes of this ever-varying life.

Assembly.—O Lord, give thy Spirit to this newly formed Pair, that they may yield themselves up to thy holy precepts, and may they be greatly blessed in each other.

Minister.—O Lord our God, enable these two fully to understand, and entirely to rely on thy Son Jesus Christ for their salvation: may they be true and faithful servants to Jesus Christ as their only Lord and Master: and may they be blessed in the Lord Jesus for evermore.

Assembly.—O Lord, may these two rest in, and obey, thy Son our only Saviour, and be blessed in him for ever.

Minister.—Almighty God, grant unto all now present who stand in the relationship of Husbands and Wives, solemnly to consider the duties which they owe to each other, and enable them to fulfil these duties with all fidelity, affection, and godliness. Grant also, O God, thy blessing unto all here before thee who are not under these circumstances; may they view and consider thy institutions with that seriousness of mind which every appointment of our Creator demands of us: and when they may think of entering into this relationship, may they have judgment and discretion given to them, to make such a wise and suitable election as shall prove to them a blessing for this life, and for that which is to come.

Assembly.—O Lord, grant unto us all to reverence thy appointments, and to fulfil our respective duties;

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and so to set thee before us continually, that we may enjoy thy blessing in all our ways.

Minister.—O Lord our Heavenly Father, graciously look upon all this company assembled on this occasion, and grant that we may all know our sinfulness, and that we may all trust in the atonement made by thy Son Jesus Christ, and abide continually in him, bringing forth the fruits of holiness, that so we may all meet on the right hand of the Great Judge in the last day.

Assembly.—O Lord our God, grant that we may all find mercy of the Lord in that last and solemn day.

Minister.—O God our Father, be with us all whilst we remain together congratulating This Couple in their Union now formed, and in rejoicing with them, and with each other. Keep us, O Lord, from sin, and from every thing unbecoming us as men endowed with reason, and with the knowledge of thy holy word. May we rejoice with sobriety and godliness, and be greatly refreshed and blessed in the company of each other.

Assembly.—O Lord, grant unto us that we may now rejoice with each other in thy fear, and may thy blessing truly rest upon us all.

Minister.—Merciful and Gracious Father, hear us and answer us in all these our petitions for our Redeemer's sake: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

[All rise and stand.]

Minister.—Let us now sing to the praise and the glory of God:—" Since Jesus &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

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1. Since Jesus thou didst once appear,
   To grace a marriage feast,
   We humbly ask thy presence here,
   To bless each wedding guest.

2. Upon the bridal pair look down,
   Who now have plighted hands,
   Their union with thy favour crown,
   And bless the nuptial bands.

3. With gifts of grace their souls endow,
   Of all rich dowries best,
   Their substance bless, and peace bestow,
   To sweeten all the rest.

4. In purest love their hearts unite,
   That they with christian care,
   May make domestic burdens light,
   By taking mutual share.

5. True helpers may they prove indeed,
   In prayer, and faith, and hope;
   And see with joy a godly seed,
   To build their household up.

6. May they as fellow heirs of grace,
   Their lives together spend;
   Death makes the marriage union cease,
   But grace shall never end.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—May the Lord bless you, and keep you: may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: may the Lord lift up his countenance upou you, and give you peace: both now, and for evermore: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

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BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—" How large &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All stand.]

1. How large the promise, how divine,
   To Abr'am and his seed!
   " I am a God to thee and thine,
   Supplying all their need!"

2. The words of his extensive love
   From age to age endure;
   The angel of the covenant proves,
   And seals the blessings sure.

3. Jesus the ancient faith confirms,
   To our great father given;
   He takes our children to his arms,
   And calls them heirs of heaven.

4. O God, how faithful are thy ways!
   Thy love endures the same;
   Nor from the promise of thy grace,
   Blots out our children's name.

[The assembly sit.]

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Minister.—Let us now read a selection of Passages from the Word of God bearing upon this Ordinance.

And God said unto Abraham, I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee, in their generations. This is my covenant which ye shall keep between me and you, and thy seed after thee: Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed: he that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.—[Genesis, 17: 7, 9-14.]

And they brought young children to Jesus, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.—[Mark, 10: 13-16.]

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying; All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am

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with you alway, even unto the end of the world: amen.—[Matthew, 28: 18-20.]

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—[John, 3: 5.]

Then Peter said unto them; Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.—[Acts, 2: 38-41.]

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women who resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.—[Acts, 16: 13-15.]

Then he called for a light and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.—[Acts, 16: 29-34.]

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Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.—[1 Corinthians, 10: 1, 2.]

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.—[Ephesians, 5: 25-27.]

[Some of the passages given in the Presentation, or Dedication of Infants should also be read on this occasion.]

[Here let the Minister give an Address.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God who hast given great and precious promises to poor sinners in thy Holy Word, through thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ,—look upon us, we beseech thee at this time, in thy tender love, through Him who died for our sins, and who rose for our justification.

Assembly.—O Lord, behold us at this time in thy tender compassion, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord God, thou hast promised to every poor sinner who repents and believes in thy Son Jesus Christ, the pardon of all his sins, and the gift of everlasting life. O God, may it be the happiness of all now assembled here to know Jesus Christ and his salvation, and to be truly reconciled to thee in him.

Assembly.—O Lord, let all here present be reconciled to thee, in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord, we adore thee for promising in

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thy word to thy servant Abraham, and to all who like him put their trust in thee, that thou wilt be a God and a Father unto them, and also to their seed after them in their generations. O Lord, be thou our God and our Father, and be thou the God and the Father of our children, and of our children's children unto the latest generation.

Assembly.—Lord God, fulfil thy promises, and be a God and a Father unto us, and to our children for ever.

Minister.—Almighty God, trusting in thy faithful promises, and earnestly desiring thy blessing for our dear children, we have brought one [some] here into thy house at this time, to present it to the Lord, to dedicate it to our God, and to baptize it in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. O Lord, be with us, and bless this dear child, and hear all our prayers on its behalf.

Assembly.—O Lord, be with us, and bless this dear child, and hear all our prayers on its behalf.

Minister.—O God, we beseech thee, to grant, that this child may truly know Thee, the Father, the Eternal God, into whose dread and hallowed Name it is now to be baptized. May it understand and know thy glorious character, so far as thou hast revealed it. May it know that thou art Light, and that in thee there is no darkness at all.

Assembly.—Almighty and Ever Blessed God, grant that this child may know thy glorious character.

Minister.—O God of Mercy and of Love, grant that this child may know thy Son, thy Other Self, as the Man Christ Jesus, who died for guilty men, and who made an atonement for sin by his death, and who brought life, and immortality, and pardon, and justification to light, by his rising again from the dead, and sitting down in his place with Thyself in glory.

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Assembly.—Lord God, may this child know thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners.

Minister.—O God of Love, grant unto this child, that he may know thy Holy Spirit, who is the Source of Light, of Instruction, of Regeneration, of Sanctification, and of Peace, and Comfort, and Joy.

Assembly.—Lord God Almighty, may this child know Thee, the Source of all spiritual knowledge, instruction, and comfort.

Minister.—Most Gracious God, O grant that this child may glorify Thee the Father Everlasting.

Assembly.—Amen.

Minister.—Most Gracious God, O grant that this child may believe in, and obey, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Assembly.—Amen.

Minister.—Most Gracious God, O grant that this child may be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Assembly.—Amen.

Minister.—Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we again raise our voices to thee on behalf of this child, and we pray that all this knowledge of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, may be given unto him, and become apparent in him, in his early days and years. Even now, O Lord, whilst we baptize him with water, do thou baptize him with the Holy Ghost, and with fire from off thine altar, and may he from a child, and from this hour, be sealed for thine own, and for ever.

Assembly.—O Lord, seal this child now, and for ever, for thine own.

Minister.—And now, O Lord our God, we turn our eyes to the Parents of this child, and we offer up our earnest prayers on their behalf. Lord God, have mercy upon them, we beseech thee, and enable them

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duly to consider the great responsibility that lies upon them in regard to this child. May they clearly see how much, as a means, the welfare in this life, and the eternal state of this child, is placed in their hands.

Assembly.—O Lord, make these Parents to see how much, as a means, the state of their child is placed in their hands.

Minister.—O Lord God, give to these Parents thy Holy Spirit, to enable them to bring up their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to make earnest and unceasing supplication on its behalf. O may they teach it to hallow thy Great and Adorable Name; may they teach it thy most holy law and commandments; may they teach it the nature and the condemnation of sin; may they teach it the atonement made by our Blessed Redeemer for sinners; may they teach it to rely on this atonement, and to live devoted unto Jesus Christ our Lord; may they teach it the influences of the Holy Spirit, and how thou hast promised to give thy Spirit to those who ask.

Assembly.—O Lord, enable these Parents to teach their child, the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Minister.—Almighty God, have mercy, we beseech thee, on all who are here present. O teach all Parents now before thee their sacred and solemn duties to their children. O Lord, have mercy also on all children here before thee, and baptize them truly and fully with the Holy Ghost.—Have mercy upon us all, O God, and grant us thy grace, and grant that we may find mercy in the great and solemn day when Jesus Christ shall sit in judgment on this world.

Assembly.—O Lord, have mercy on us all, both now and in the last day.

Minister.—O Most gracious Father, be pleased now to dismiss us with thy blessing; and may this child,

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its parents, and all of us, reap eternal benefit, by our having assembled here on this occasion.

Assembly.—Lord God Almighty, let thy blessings now descend upon us all.

Minister.—And now,—Unto the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, be glory, as it was, and is, and ever shall be, world without end: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

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BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Ere Christ &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All stand.]

1. Ere Christ ascended to his throne,
   He issued forth this great command—
   Go preach my gospel to the world,
   And spread my name through every land.

2. To men declare their sinful state,
   The methods of my grace explain,
   He that believes and is baptized,
   Shall everlasting life obtain.

3. Dear Saviour we thy will obey,
   Not of constraint, but with delight,
   Hither thy servants come to day,
   To honour thine appointed rite.

4. Descend again celestial Dove,
   On these dear followers of the Lord,
   Exalted head of all the church,
   Thy promised aid to them afford.

5. Let faith, assisted now by signs,
   The mysteries of thy love explore;
   And, washed in thy redeeming blood,
   Let them depart, and sin no more.

[The Assembly sit.]

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Minister.—Let us now read a selection of Passages from the Word of God bearing upon this Ordinance.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins: And he said unto them, Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.—[Matthew, 3: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8.]

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus, answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—[Matthew, 3: 13-17.]

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.—[Acts, 8: 12.]

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: And the Eunuch said, See here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him. [Acts, 8: 35-38.]

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them who heard the word. And they of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as

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many as came with Peter, because, that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost; for they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we: and he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord.—[Acts, 10: 44-48.]

And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed, and were baptized.—[Acts, 18: 8.]

And now, why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.—[Acts, 22: 16.]

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.—[Romans, 6: 3-5.]

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.—[1 Corinthians, 12: 13.]

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.—[Galatians, 3: 26-29.]

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. By which also he went and preached unto the Spirits

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in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto ever baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.—[1 Peter, 3: 18-22.]

[Here the Minister will give an Address.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, who hast ordered and directed all things in the Kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ, condescend, we entreat thee, to be present with us whilst we attend to this ordinance in obedience to thy holy commandment.

Assembly.—O Lord, graciously condescend to be present with us at this time.

Minister.—O Lord, we unite together in thanksgiving unto thee, for thy gracious goodness unto this individual now to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. We adore thee, O God, for enlightening him by thy Holy Spirit, that he might understand that all mankind are ruined by sin, and for having taught him to look to thee for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the atoning sacrifice of thy Son Jesus Christ. Graciously grant unto him, O God, that he may be enabled to hold fast the faith of the gospel unto the end: may he increase in the knowledge of the Truth, and be deeply rooted and grounded in it.

Assembly.—We bless thee, O God, on behalf of this individual, and pray thee to keep him stedfast and unmoveable in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Minister.—Merciful Father, enable thy servant now before thee, to see the duty and necessity of giving himself up entirely unto Jesus Christ, and of abiding in him by a life of holiness, righteousness, and true godliness: and may the rite to which he is now attending forcibly remind him of thus living unto Thee. Baptize him, O God, by thy Holy Spirit, wash him thoroughly in the blood of Christ, and may he enjoy thy blessing in this present world, and obtain at length an abundant entrance into everlasting life and glory.

Assembly.—Gracious Father, grant unto this our Brother, that he may be truly baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Minister.—O Lord, be gracious unto all present who have been baptized into Christ, that they may be reminded of the significant nature of this institution, and that they may take good heed unto themselves lest it should prove a witness against them in the day of judgment.

Assembly.—O God, mercifully grant thy blessing to all present who have been baptized according to thy holy commandment, and may this rite never rise up in judgment ageinst us.

Minister.—God of mercy and salvation, look compassionately, we beseech thee, on all present who have not yet been baptized with the Spirit of Christ. May they see their danger, and may they flee for mercy to the blood of atonement which cleanseth from all sin. O wash them, and make them clean, with the blood of the Lamb, and grant unto them everlasting life.

Assembly.—O God, mercifully look on all now before thee who have not believed in thy Son Jesus Christ; and in thy great mercy grant unto them, that they may now believe and be saved.

Minister.—O Lord, be pleased to answer these our

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supplications, and grant unto all now before thee, a rich and a precious blessing, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assembly.— O Lord, hear us, and bless us, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Blessed Redeemer.

Minister.—May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

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PRESENTATION OR DEDICATION OF INFANTS.

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and glory of God :—"See Israel's &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn :—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.

[All Stand.]

1. See Israel's gentle shepherd stands,
   With all engaging charms :
   Hark how he calls the tender lambs,
   And folds them in his arms.

2. "Permit them to approach," he cries,
   "Nor scorn their humble name :
   "For 'twas to bless such souls as these;
   "The Lord of angels came."

3. We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands,
   And yield them up to thee;
   Joyful that we ourselves are thine,
   Thine let our offspring be.

[The Assembly sit.]

Minister.—Let us read a selection of Passages from the Word of God, bearing upon this Ordinance.

And they brought young children to Jesus, that he

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should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.—[Mark 10: 13-16.]

Honour thy Father, and thy Mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—[Exodus, 20: 12.]

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—[Proverbs, 22: 6.]

And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do? Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.—[Genesis, 18: 17-19.]

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your hearts, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.—[Deuteronomy, 11: 18, 19.]

And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and the Lord shewed signs and wonders great and sore upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware

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unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God as he hath commanded us.—[Deuteronomy, 6 : 20-25.]

For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they thould make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.—[Psalm, 78: 5-8.]

And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli, all things which I have spoken concerning his house, when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.—[1 Samuel, 3: 11-14.]

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea he shall give delight unto thy soul.—The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself, bringeth his mother to shame.—[Proverbs, 29: 17, 15.]

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—[Ephesians, 6: 4.]

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children.—[Proverbs, 13: 22.]

And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites,

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Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.—[Jeremiah, 35: 18, 19.]

But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.—[1 Timothy, 5: 8.]

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers, night and day; Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also.—[2 Timothy, 1: 3-5.]

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. —[2 Timothy, 3: 14, 15.]

[Here the Minister will give an Address.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty God, thou art our Creator, thy hands have formed us, and thy spirit has breathed into us the breath of life. O God, we are wonderfully formed, and we are wonderfully sustained every moment of our lives. O Lord, how helpless is our race when we come into the world! But, blessed be thy name, thou hast provided help for us in others during our helpless days. O God, give us eyes to see thy

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gracious arrangements, and enable us to adore thee in them all.

Assembly.—O God, thou art our Creator, and we adore thee for thy gracious arrangements for our welfare.

Minister.—Thou, O God Almighty, hast called into existence these Infants now in thy presence. Before thee, O Lord, do we present them, to thee do we dedicate them, and we commend them most earnestly to thy mercy and compassion. O put thy hands upon them, wash them clean from all guilt in the precious atoning blood of Christ, put thy Spirit into them, and may all the riches of thy grace rest upon them. Preserve them, O God, from the many spiritual and temporal dangers to which they are exposed in their early days, preserve them through life; and, O may they live for ever before thee.

Assembly.—O God, bless these Infants now in thy presence, in time and in eternity.

Minister.—O Lord our God, be gracious to these Parents who now present to thee their dear Babes for thy blessing. O give them thy Spirit that they may know how to teach their children in the ways of heavenly wisdom, that they may train them up for the service and the enjoyment of God in this world, and for glory everlasting. May they be earnest in prayer before thee for their children, and may all their prayers be abundantly answered.

Assembly.—Lord, give thy blessing to these Parents, that they may train up their children For Thee.

Minister.—O God of our Life, we give thanks to thee, for thy merciful goodness to the Mothers of these children during their trying hour, and we thank thee for the Lives of these Children. O God, may it please thee to spare the Parents of these children, for a blessing unto them in their earlier and later days; and spare these children, we beseech thee, for a blessing to their

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parents, in all the dealings of thy providence. May the parents so teach their children, and so live before their children, that they may prove a temporal, a spiritual, and an eternal blessing unto them. May they be duly impressed with the solemn responsibility they incur in respect to their offspring, and do thou guide them, and aid them, and bless them, in the discharge of their great and important duties.

Assembly.—O Lord, we thank thee for the Lives of these Mothers and of these children; and pray thee to give a rich blessing to the Parents and to the Children, for time, and for eternity.

Minister.—O Lord our God, be pleased to grant unto these children, that they may early understand the salvation wrought out for mankind by our Lord Jesus Christ. May they early in life confess their faith in the atoning sacrifice of our Blessed Redeemer, before God, and before man, and be baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. May they live a life of obedience and of holiness in the Lord Jesus Christ, not considering themselves their own, but bought with his precious blood. May they honour the name of Jesus our Lord before men, and may they at last be honoured by him at his appearing and glory.

Assembly.—Grant, O God, that these children may early know thee, may glorify thee on earth, and be glorified with thee in heaven.

Minister.—Merciful Father, be gracious to all Parents now before thee who have children under their trust. Make them faithful and successful in the discharge of their duties. Grant also, O Lord, thy blessing to all children now present who have been dedicated unto thee, in sincerity and earnestness, under whatever form. O may all of them be most truly thine, both here and hereafter.

Assembly.—O Lord, grant thy blessing to all parents, and to all children now in this assembly, that they

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may truly glorify thee, and that they may enjoy thee for ever.

Minister.—O Lord our God, be pleased to grant unto us all, thy bountiful blessing, through what we have been engaged in at this time, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly.—O Lord, graciously smile on us through our thus waiting upon thee in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister.—Now, may the God of Abraham of Isaac and of Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with us all evermore: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

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ADMONITION OF CHILDREN.

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"With humble heart &c." [pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All stand.]

1. With humble heart and tongue,
   Our God to thee we pray,
   O make us learn whilst we are young,
   How we may cleanse our way.

2. Now in our early days,
   Teach us thy will to know;
   O God, thy sanctifying grace,
   Betimes on us bestow.

3. Make our unguarded youth,
   The object of thy care;
   Help us to choose the way of truth,
   And flee from every snare.

4. Our heart to folly prone,
   Renew by power divine;
   Unite it to thyself alone,
   And make us wholly thine.

5. O let the word of grace,
   Our warmest thoughts employ;
   Be this through all our following days,
   Our treasure and our joy.

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6. To what thy Law imparts,
Be our whole soul inclined;
O let it dwell within our hearts,
And sanctify our mind.

7. May thy young servants learn,
By these to cleanse their way,
And may we here the path discern,
That leads to endless day.

[The assembly sit.]

Minister.—Let us now read a selection of Passages from the Word of God bearing upon this Ordinance.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.—[Ecclesiastes, 12: 1.]

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.—With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.—Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. —Blessed art thou, O Lord: Teach me thy statutes. —[Psalm 119: 9-12.]

And thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father; and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.—[1 Chronicles, 28: 9.]

Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.—[Ephesians, 6: 1-3.]

Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.—[Colossians, 3: 20.]

Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father,

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and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.—[Leviticus, 19: 3.]

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—[Proverbs, 1: 8, 10.]

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.—[Proverbs, 3: 1-7.]

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandize of it is better than the merchandize of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire, are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.—[Proverbs, 3: 13-17.]

My son attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding; that thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge. For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps take hold on hell.—[Proverbs, 13: 1-5.]

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk

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with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.—[Proverbs, 6 : 20-23.]

But, continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect throughly furnished unto all good works —[2 Timothy, 3 : 14-17.]

As Moses lifted up the Serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.—[John 3 : 14-21.]

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all

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iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.—[Titus, 2: 11-14.]

Likewise, ye Younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.—[1 Peter, 5: 5.]

[And they said unto Peter, and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—[Acts, 2: 37, 38.]]

[And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.—[Acts, 22: 16.]]

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish, give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?—[Luke, 11: 9-13.]

[Here let the Minister give an Address to the Children: setting before them their own responsibility unto God; stating the guilt and depravity of mankind, and consequent condemnation; and holding out to them the way of pardon, and of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; and urging them earnestly to pray for the Holy Ghost. —He will point out to those who have been baptized in infancy, that the obligations entered into by their parents and sponsors on their account are now placed upon their own heads.—Those who have not been baptized, are to be exhorted to repent, believe, and be baptized without delay.—The two last passages of Scripture but one, are for the sake of those who are unbaptized, and are to be read only in their case.]

Minister.—Let us pray.

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[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord God of the Young and of the Old, these children now stand before thee as thy responsible creatures. Have mercy upon them, O God; have mercy upon them, we earnestly beseech thee.

Assembly.—O Lord, have mercy upon these children now before thee.

Minister.—O God, thou hast created these children; thou hast preserved them until now, in the midst of all the dangers to which they have been exposed; thou hast given them food and raiment; thou hast given them instruction, and many blessings. Make them sensible of all these thy favours, and may they be truly thankful for them.

Assembly.—O Lord, make these children truly thankful for all the blessings thou hast bestowed upon them.

Minister.—O Lord God, as these children now rest on their own individual responsibility, instruct them, we pray thee, in the nature of that responsibility. Teach them the Fall of Man, and their situation in consequence of this great transgression. Make them also to know their own sins and guiltiness, and how much, and how often, and how greatly, they have transgressed thy holy commandments; and may their hearts be truly humble and contrite before thee.

Assembly.—O Lord, teach these children their fallen state, and their own individual sinfulness, and grant them true humility before thee.

Minister.—O Lord, in thy great mercy and love, grant unto these children thy Holy Spirit, to teach them the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, in his atoning sacrifice and mediation. May they flee to Jesus from the wrath to come, and may they receive through him, the forgiveness of all their

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sins. Grant them, O Lord, through the cross of Christ, thy peace in this world, and in the world to come may they obtain the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Assembly.—O Lord, save these children with a full and everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord, may these children be indeed truly washed in the blood of Christ through faith in his name; and may they live a life of holiness and usefulness during their pilgrimage through this world. May their constant and only object be to glorify thy name through our Lord Jesus Christ, by abiding in him, and bringing forth much fruit. Whether they eat or drink, or whatever else they do, may they do all in obedience to the Lord their Redeemer, that thy great name may be glorified in them through Jesus Christ.

Assembly.—O Lord, grant that these children may be wholly devoted to thy praise, and honour, and glory, all the days of their life.

Minister.—May it please thee, O Lord, that these children may be made honoured instruments of promoting and extending the kingdom of Christ at home and abroad. May they all shine and give light in the sphere in which they move. May they ever fervently pray for the advancement of thy kingdom in the salvation of mankind in every part of the world, and may they by their conduct and exertions become eminently useful in promoting this blessed and holy work.

Assembly.—O Lord, may these children greatly promote thy kingdom and glory in their day and generation.

Minister.—Lord God Almighty, lead us all to glorify thee more than ever we have done. How little, alas! have we hitherto done for thy glory!—how much have we dishonoured thy Holy Name!

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O Lord, forgive us: O Lord, stir us up to improve, in a holy and zealous manner, the talents thou hast committed unto us, that so we may have thy approbation in that great and solemn day.

Assembly.—O Lord, forgive us our sloth, and our unprofitableness, and stir us up by thy Spirit, and by thy providence, to be zealous in all wisdom, for thy honour and glory on earth.

Minister.—O Lord, be pleased to grant unto each one of us here assembled, thy gracious and very abundant blessing through this opportunity we have now enjoyed of waiting upon thee to glorify thy Holy Name in this Observance.

Assembly.—O Lord, grant unto us all thy gracious blessing in this Observance through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever: amen.

Assembly.—Amen, and amen.

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BURIAL SERVICE.

[This service is to be used in the house where the deceased is lying; or in the church or chapel attached to the burying ground.]

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"Oft as the bell &c."—[pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All stand.]

1. Oft as the bell with solemn toll,
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself, Am I
Prepared, should I be called to die?

2. Only this frail and fleeting breath,
Preserves me from the jaws of death;
Soon as it fails at once I'm gone,
And plunged into a world unknown.

3. Then leaving all I loved below,
To God's tribunal I must go;
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.

4. Lord Jesus! help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in thee;
Apply thy blood, thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin, and let me live.

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5. Then when the solemn bell I hear,
If saved from guilt, I need not fear;
Nor would the thought distressing be,
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

6. Rather, my spirit would rojoice,
And long, and wish, to hear thy voice;
Glad when it bids me earth resign,
Secure of heaven, if thou art mine.

[The Assembly sit.]

Minister.—Let us read the Word of God, for our instruction, and admonition, respecting the concerns of Life, of Death, and of Eternity.—[The whole number of passages here given may be read, or a selection from them, say, every second or every third passage, as time and circumstances may direct.]

It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will layit to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.—[Ecclesiastes, 7: 2-4.]

And God said unto Adam, In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground, for out of it wast thou taken, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.—[Genesis, 4: 19.]

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. His days are determined, the number of his months are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Man dieth and wasteth away, yea man giveth up the Ghost, and where is he? Man lieth down and riseth not; till the heavens be no more they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.—[Job, 14: 1, 2, 5, 10, 12.]

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Hear this all ye people, give ear all ye inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. The wise man dieth, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not, he is like the beasts that perish. This their way is their folly, yet their posterity approve their sayings.—Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; for when he dieth he shall carry nothing away, his glory shall not descend after him.—[Psalm, 49 : 1, 2, 10, 16, 17.]

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.—[1 Timothy, 6 : 7.]

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death.—[Proverbs, 14 : 32.]

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.—[1 Corinthians, 15 : 20-26.]

That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it has pleased him, and to every seed his own body.—So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural

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body, and there is a spiritual body. And as it is written: The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterwards that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man, is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.—[1 Corinthians, 15: 36, 38, 42-49.]

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death where is thy sting? O Grave! where is thy victory.—[1 Corinthians, 15: 50-55.]

I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on me though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. —[John, 11: 25, 26.]

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel

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not at this, for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.—[John, 5: 21-29.]

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.—[Romans, 3: 19-23.]

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—[John, 3: 16-19, 35, 36.]

Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.—Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred,

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variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.—But the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.—[Galatians, 6: 7, 8, and 5: 19-23.]

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.—[2 Corinthians, 5: 10.]

God will render to every man according to his deeds. To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life. But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation, and wrath, tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first and also of the Gentile. For there is no respect of persons with God.—[Romans, 2: 6-14.]

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, in that day.—[2 Thessalonians, 1: 7-10]

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.—Then shall he say also unto them

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on the left hand, Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.—And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.—[Matthew, 25: 31-34, 41-46.]

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away, and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great stand before God: and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire.—[Revelation, 20: 11-15.]

The world that then was being overflowed with water perished. But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be, in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with

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fervent heat? Nevertheless we according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore beloved seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him without spot and blameless. And account that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you. Ye therefore beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away by the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To whom be glory, both now and for ever, amen.—[2 Peter, 3: 6-15, 17, 18.]

Our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.—[Philippians, 3: 20, 21.]

But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them who are asleep, that ye sorrow not as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them who are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.—[1 Thessalonians, 4: 13-18.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms

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in their hands. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—[Revelation, 7: 9, 10, 15-17.]

[When these passages have been read, the following prayer will be used.]

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—O Lord, grant unto us, that we may always remember our latter end.
People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, may we always be prepared for death, for judgment, and for eternity.
People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, we bless thee that Christ our Saviour suffered and died, and lay in the grave, on behalf of this sinful world
People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, we bless thee that Christ Jesus rose again from the dead, and ascended up into heaven as the Saviour of men.
People.—Amen.

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Minister.—O Lord, we bless thee for bringing life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, we bless thee for promising the remission of sins, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal life, unto all who believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, and who obey him as their Lord.

People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, may we all see ourselves guilty, corrupt, and lost before thee; may we all firmly believe in the atonement made by Jesus Christ for this sinful world; and may we all follow and obey him who died for us, as our only Master and Lord.

People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, may we all live unto Christ, may we all die unto Christ, may we all rise from the dead through Christ, and may we all live for ever with Christ our Saviour in the eternal mansions of glory.

People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, instruct us all, and sanctify us all, by this solemn occasion.

People.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, hear us, be gracious to us, and bless us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer: amen.

People.—Amen.

[As soon as the coffin is lowered into the grave, this prayer will be again used: and this is the only part of the service to be said at the grave.]

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A MISSIONARY PRAYER.

Minister.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—" O Spirit &c." :—[pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or, referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All stand.]

1. O Spirit of the living God!
   In all thy plenitude of grace,
   Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
   Descend on our apostate race.

2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
   To preach the reconciling word;
   Give power and unction from above,
   Whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3. Be darkness, at thy coming, light,
   Confusion order in thy path;
   Souls without strength inspire with might;
   Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4. O Spirit of the Lord! prepare
   All the round earth her God to meet;
   Breathe Thou abroad like morning air,
   Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5. Baptize the nations; far and nigh
   The triumphs of the cross record;
   The name of Jesus glorify,
   Till every kindred call Him Lord.

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6. God from eternity hath willed,
All flesh shall his salvation see;
So be the Father's love fulfilled,
The Saviour's sufferings crowned through Thee.

Minister.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Minister.—Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, graciously look down upon us at this present time, for we are assembled in thy name, and to supplicate at thy throne of grace. Lord, look down upon us, and bless us.

All.—Graciously look down upon us, O Lord, and bless us.

Minister.—Lord God, at this time, and at all times, we approach thee through that one, that great and effectual atonement made for sinners by the Lamb that was slain. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, and who rose again for our justification,—through him who entered into heaven with his own blood, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us,—through him, O God, we approach thy throne of grace. O may we now obtain from thee, mercy for ourselves, and mercy for all for whom we shall now plead and supplicate before thee.

All.—Lord God, through the Lamb that was slain we come unto thee. O have mercy upon us, and upon all for whom we shall now plead before thee.

Minister.—Almighty God, Father of glory, we praise thee and adore thee for that gift unspeakable which thou gavest unto the world, even thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. Glory to thy name, O God, that our ears have heard of thy salvation. Glory to thy name, O God, for opening our understandings, and our hearts to receive the Truth, and for making us to rest in it, and to rejoice in it.

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All.—Glory to thy name, O God, for thy unspeakable gift, and for the blessed hope which thou hast given us.

Minister.—O God, may we, one and all of us who now wait on thee in this place, may we increase in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. May we be rooted and grounded and built up in him; and O may we never be moved away from the hope of the gospel.

All.—O Lord, grant us this grace, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

Minister.—O Lord, may the fruits of righteousness and true holiness be found in us all, and be abundant in us all, to the glory of thy most holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All.—O Lord, may we bring forth the fruits of holiness through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord our God, be pleased to preserve us all unto the end in the faith of Christ, and in the holiness of the gospel; and finally do thou bring us to thy eternal glory through our only Saviour and Mediator Jesus Christ our Lord.

All.—O Lord, preserve us unto the end, and crown us at last with glory.

Minister.—O Lord, pour out thy Spirit upon all thy people, that they may be enlightened and sanctified.

All.—Lord, enlighten and sanctify all thy people.

Minister.—O Lord God of Truth, of Peace, and of Love, be pleased, we earnestly beseech thee, most fully to unite all thy people in the Bond of Truth, Peace, and Love. O may we all, in Christ Jesus be one—one in loving thee, one in worshipping thee, and one in serving thee—in all things, and in all places, and at all times,—and may we be one in our love to each other according to thy most holy commandment.

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All.—O Lord God, most fully unite all thy people in one—and in the bond of Love.

Minister.—O Lord be pleased to grant a double portion of thy Spirit to all the Ministers of the Gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. O enable them all to preach the cross of Christ, clearly, and faithfully, and with all diligence; and may they show forth the sanctifying effects of the Truth in their own lives.

All.—O Lord, bless all thy servants in the ministry with an abundant measure of thy Holy Spirit.

Minister.—O Lord God, pour out a spirit of prayer upon us who are here assembled, and upon all thy people.

All.—O Lord, grant unto us, and unto all, a spirit of prayer.

Minister.—Lord God Almighty, enlarge thy Church, increase the number of those who believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, and who follow him in holiness and righteousness.

All.—O Lord, be pleased to build up and enlarge thy Church upon earth.

Minister.—O Lord, have mercy on the world lying in wickedness: have mercy upon it, we earnestly beseech thee. Arise, O Lord, gird on thy sword, and ride forth conquering and to conquer through the Truth.

All.—O Lord, arise and have mercy on the world.

Minister.—Almighty God, we take shame to ourselves for having grievously neglected to carry into effect the blessed injunction of our Lord and Saviour, who in his benevolence and love, commanded the gospel to be preached to every creature under heaven. O Lord, forgive the sin which we and all thy people have committed in this matter, and lead us all to deep

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repentance for our past misconduct, and cause to spring up in us those holy and compassionate feelings for the salvation of the world which have been taught us by our Blessed Redeemer.

All.—O Lord, forgive our neglect in not extending the kingdom of Christ.

Minister.—Lord God of compassion and love, have mercy upon all the Heathen. Alas! O Lord, that there should be so many at the present day still bowing down to stocks and stones. O God, arise and have mercy upon all who are thus acting. Stir up thy people, O Lord, upon this subject, and lead them to pray, and lead them to labour, and to make sacrifices, and to use every endeavour, and every exertion and means, to make known the salvation of Christ through all the earth, and to bring the blessed message to the ear of every heathen throughout the world.

All.—O Lord, send forth thy light and thy truth unto all the heathen nations.

Minister.—O Lord God, not only arise and have mercy upon the heathen, but let thy mercy come upon them very speedily. Long enough, alas, and too long, to the shame of thy people, have the heathen continued in ignorance of the Creator and Redeemer of the world. O Lord God of mercy, let that ignorance continue no longer. O let the day dawn upon them, and let the shadows of darkness and of death flee away, and that most speedily.

All.—Lord God, most speedily have mercy upon all the heathen.

Minister.—O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, graciously look down, we beseech thee, on thine Ancient People. Forgive them at length, O God, their great sin in rejecting and crucifying the Messiah promised to their Fathers. Lead them, O Lord, to understand thy word which they daily read, and in which they think they have eternal life.

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Alas! O Lord, there is a veil upon their hearts whilst they read Moses and the Prophets. That veil, thou hast graciously promised, shall be taken away. Take it now away, O God of Abraham and of David, and let thy people see the fulfilment of the promises made unto them, in thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.—Thou hast said, O God, in thy word of faithfulness, that this blindness which lieth now, and hath long lain upon Israel, is not for ever,—thou hast said that all Israel shall be saved, and that they shall be brought in with the fulness of the Gentiles. O God, be thy word and promise fulfilled, and speedily. O let the Deliverer come out of Zion, and turn away ungodliness from Jacob. O may there soon be a rejoicing among Jews and Gentiles over this glorious event, like the rising from the dead. O Lord, may thy people the seed of faithful Abraham, be saved with a full and everlasting salvation.

All.—O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob thy Servants, raise up thy people from the dead, and save them speedily with a full and everlasting salvation.

Minister.—Lord God of Light and of Truth, be pleased to dispel every delusion which prevails in this dark world on the great subject of Religion and the Salvation of the Soul.—Have mercy, O God, we beseech thee, on the thousands and millions who pay their devotions to the False Prophet. Lord, let these votaries see and know the God of Abraham whom they profess to worship; and may they see Him in the brightness of his glory, and in the express Image of his Person, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Lead them, O God, by thy word which they in part acknowledge, O lead them thereby, and by thy Spirit to believe in the Son of God as the only Saviour and Lord, and may they yield themselves up entirely to Him.

All—O Lord, have mercy on all the votaries of the False Prophet, and bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Minister.—O Lord God, to whom the secrets of all hearts are known, thou knowest that there are many throughout the world, who, oppressed in spirit, are sighing and crying in the midst of ignorance and darkness for rest to their souls, and salvation. O Lord, compassionately look on all such, we earnestly beseech thee, and open up unto them in thy grace, thy wisdom, and providence, the way of salvation, that those who thus seek thee may indeed find thee, and dwell with thee for ever, through the Lord Jesus Christ.

All.—O Lord, compassionately look on all who are seeking for rest to their souls, and grant that they may find it, and have rest and joy everlasting through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister.—O Lord God Almighty, the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, have mercy on all those who deny thy Eternal Power and Godhead: have mercy also on all who deny the truth of thy holy word; and on all who deny the Glory of thy Son Jesus Christ, and the Atonement which he made for mankind in his sufferings and death. O Lord, convince all such persons of their great errors, and of their great danger, and lead them to believe in thy Adorable Self, to believe thy holy word of Revelation, and to believe in thy only Son Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for the remission of sin.

All.—Lord God, lead all those who have thus erred and strayed from the Truth, to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, as revealed in thy most holy word.

Minister.—Hear these our prayers, O God, which we have now made before thee, on behalf of the Heathen, on behalf of thine Ancient People, on behalf of the votaries of the False Prophet, on behalf of all those in every place who are sighing after salvation, and on behalf of those who reject thy Testimony, and deny the Father Everlasting, and the Redeemer of the

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world.—And now, O Lord our God, we present before thee in our supplications, all those who bear the name of Christian in various nations, but who understand not, and follow not, the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, have mercy on all such. Let them see their ignorance, and their dangerous situation, and lead them truly and effectually to the Lord Jesus Christ, that their sins may be washed out with his precious atoning blood.

All.—O Lord, have mercy on all who bear the name of Christ, but know not the way of life, and make them truly wise unto salvation.

Minister.—Have mercy also, O our God, upon all who are esteemed among thy people as true disciples, but who are in truth dead in respect to the life of godliness. We pray thee to regard all those who have thus a form of sound words, but who do not yield themselves up to the obedience of Christ. O Lord, make all those in this state to perceive their guilt and peril, and to see that Christ will deny them, and turn them into deep perdition at the last day, if they so live and die. O lead them to repentance, and to yield up their understandings and their hearts unto Christ, and to glorify thy name by a godly life; and whether they eat or drink, or whatever else they do, may they do all from obedience and love to Him who gave his life a ransom for our salvation.

All.—O Lord, may all those who have only a name t olive, be made truly alive in Jesus Christ, and live entirely unto him.

Minister.—Almighty God, we praise thee for stirring up thy people in these days to attend to thy holy commandment to make known thy salvation to every creature upon earth. Stir us all up upon this subject more and more, we earnestly beseech thee, that thy way may be known on earth, and thy saving health among all nations. O let the kingdoms of this world

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become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that without delay.

All.—We thank thee, O Lord, for fixing the attention of thy people upon this subject. O fix it more and more.

Minister.—Almighty Father, we adore thee for uniting all thy people as one man to circulate thy holy word throughout the world in all the languages of men. Glory be to thy name for what has already been effected in this blessed work. O Lord, give thy rich blessing with the millions of copies of thy word circulated by thy people in this our day. O grant that millions of souls may be saved thereby.—And now, O God, make openings for thy word in every continent and island, in every nation and country, among all tribes, and tongues, and kindreds of mankind over the face of the whole world.

All.—Glory to thy name, O God, for sending forth thy word through the world in this our day. O send it, and speedily, into every place, bring it under every roof, and put it into the hands of all.

Minister.—O Lord our God, we praise and adore thy name for sending forth thy Evangelists in a special manner in this our age to preach the Gospel of Christ, in many and distant nations. We rejoice, O Lord, that the number of thy servants already engaged in this holy and blessed work is so great. But, still, alas! the labourers are few, while the field is large and white to harvest. O Lord of the harvest, send forth more labourers into thy harvest: O Lord, send more, send many more labourers into thy harvest.

All.—O Lord, send many, many labourers into thy harvest.

Minister.—Most Gracious God, we bless thee for thy grace bestowed upon many of our poor fellow sinners in various climes through the preaching of the cross by thy servants whom thou hast sent forth. Keep, O

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Lord, keep these thy people in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may they be strong in the faith. O Lord, grant that they may bring forth the fruits of righteousness abundantly, and that they may be preserved to thine everlasting kingdom and glory,—for their own eternal welfare, and for a crown of joy and rejoicing to thy evangelising servants in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All.—Keep, O Lord, all thy people among the nations unto eternal life.

Minister.—O God, in thy abundant grace, look on thy servants the missionaries, the evangelists whom thou hast sent forth to the nations, and grant them largely of thy Spirit. May they faithfully, and fully, and earnestly, teach and preach Jesus Christ, and with all meekness, gentleness, and humility of mind. And, O God, be pleased to give yet more and more testimony to thy word spoken by them, that many and many more may be brought to the knowledge of the truth. O may thy flock increase among the heathen, and among all nations. May the leaven of the Gospel of Christ spread all around, and leaven the whole world.

All.—O Lord, may multitudes among all nations be brought unto the Lord Jesus Christ, and be saved with an everlasting salvation.

Minister.—O Lord our God, graciously protect and sustain thy servants amid all their perils and dangers. Save them, O Lord, if it please thee, from every accident and harm in all their voyages on the great ocean, and in all their journeyings by land. Preserve thy servants, O Lord, in health and in strength, that they may fulfil the objects of their mission; and lengthen their lives, if it be thy holy will, that they may advance thy kingdom and glory.

All.—O Lord, protect and sustain thy servants in all their perils and dangers, and bless them with life and health for the advancement of thy glory in the earth.

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Minister.—O Lord, we supplicate thee yet more on behalf of thy servants the missionaries. O grant that they may truly and entirely devote themselves to thy sacred work to which they have pledged themselves,—in thy sight, in the sight of all their brethren, and before angels and men. O Lord, preserve at all times most fully alive upon their minds, and especially upon their hearts, the nature of that most solemn trust thou hast committed unto them. Keep them, O Lord, from growing weary in well doing; keep them from growing cold and languid in thy service; keep them from all complainings, murmurings, and dissatisfaction under the difficulties they meet with in their holy calling; keep them from thinking, at any time, with unconcern of the salvation of men; O keep them from every snare of the devil. Maintain upon the minds of thy servants, O Lord, at all times, the mighty importance of the salvation of their own souls; maintain upon their minds the importance of the final salvation of those under their pastoral charge; maintain upon their minds the solemn consideration, that many are perishing around them in their unbelief and unholiness; and keep, O Lord, full before thy Servants, at all times and seasons,—the glory of God, the glory of Christ, the glory of thy kingdom, and the glories of heaven. O may thy servants be faithful unto death; may they at last be presented before thy presence with exceeding joy; and may they have with them many souls saved by their instrumentality to enhance their triumph, and their felicity and glory.

All.—O Lord God of salvation, bring all thy servants the missionaries to thy eternal kingdom and glory, and give them many souls to exalt their glorious triumph before thee.

Minister.—O Lord our God, most graciously look down upon our Native Land, and bless it in all its concerns.

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Minister.—O God, we adore thee for the great, and special, and manifold blessings which thou hast bestowed upon this Land.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, forgive us our misimprovement of the mercies we have received, and may we in time coming give more glory unto thy name, through the talents thou hast committed to us, than we have done in the time that is past.

All.— Amen.

Minister.—Almighty God, bless, we beseech thee, our King, and all our Rulers, and Magistrates. Grant them thy Spirit to direct them in all their public duties, and to guide them to eternal life.

All.—Bless, O Lord, our King, and all our Rulers, and Magistrates.

Minister.—O Lord our God, bless all thy servants who minister in holy things throughout our land, and all who instruct our youth.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O God our Father, bless every disciple of Christ in this Country.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, be pleased to bless and prosper all the Institutions in our land formed for promoting thy kingdom and glory.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, bless and prosper all the Bible Societies in our land.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, bless and prosper all the Missionary Societies in our land, which send forth the true and everlasting Gospel.

All.—Amen.

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Minister.—O Lord, bless and prosper all the Sabbath Schools in our land, founded on thy holy word; and may every School in our land be thus formed, and have thy blessing.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, bless and prosper all the Tract Societies in our land, that issue forth the Gospel of Christ.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, bless and prosper all the Temperance Societies in our land.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord our God, be pleased to grant thy Spirit, to direct all thy servants engaged in these Institutions, and may their own souls be greatly blessed in serving thee in these concerns of thy kingdom.

All.—O Lord, bless all thy servants in these Institutions.

Minister.—Almighty Father, we beseech thee, to grant thy gracious and abundant blessing to Our Sister Land. We thank thee for all thy blessings bestowed on that country. Bless all thy people there, and prosper all their Institutions for promoting thy glory.

All.—O Lord, be pleased to bless very abundantly Our Sister Land, and may thy name be greatly glorified in it.

Minister.—O God, bless and prosper every Institution in other lands for advancing thy kingdom.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—O Lord, grant that the time may soon come when every land shall be full of zeal for thy glory.

All.—Amen.

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Minister.—Almighty God, stir up, stir up, we beseech thee, all thy people every where to take a lively interest in the concerns of thy kingdom. We praise thee, O God, for what thou hast done in moving thy people upon this great subject in these latter and eventful days. We rejoice before thee, O our God, that at this very time whilst we are addressing thy throne of grace for the advancement of thy kingdom, thy people are met in many places, and in many countries to join with us in the great object of our present supplications. Bless all the assemblies of thy people so met this evening. May thy blessed and glorious presence be with them. May thy Spirit enlighten them, and stir them up, and strengthen them. Enlarge and warm their hearts, O God, in thy kingdom, and give them fervent desires after the salvation of their fellow men, of every kindred, and people, and tongue. O may their prayers be earnest before thee this evening on behalf of thy Church, on behalf of the wide world, and on our behalf; and may these their prayers come up acceptably before thee as the evening sacrifice. And, O thou hearer of prayer, Thou who hast thyself taught us and them to come to thy throne of grace, and to ask all things in the name of Christ, do thou, O God, fulfil all thy gracious promises, and hear and answer our prayers, and the prayers of all our brethren: and may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

All.—O Lord, bless all thy people now assembled before thee, and waiting at thy throne of grace. Hear their prayers, and hear our prayers: and may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven.

Minister.—O Lord our God, bless thy whole Church upon earth, the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ,—O bless it with thy abundant grace, and give to all thy people more of thy Spirit from day to day, that the way of life, and the way of holiness may be made

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known by them to all around. O Thou Great Head of the Church, hear the constant, urgent, general Prayer of thy Body for all its Members; and let these prayers fully light upon *us*. Bless, O Lord God, every soul that relieth on the merits of Christ, and liveth unto Christ, and bring them all to thy eternal Kingdom and glory.

All.—O Lord, bless every soul that relieth on the merits of Christ, and liveth unto Christ, and bring them all to thine eternal kingdom and glory.

Minister.—O Lord our God, we now praise and adore thee for bringing us together this evening into this place: and we thank thee for thy gracious goodness to us since we have been together. Again we beseech thee, O Lord, to hear our prayers, and to grant us an abundant answer unto them: yea, O Lord our God, may it please thee to exceed, and far exceed, all we have asked or even thought of, that thy Most Adorable Name may be known and glorified throughout this sinful world.

All.—O Lord, hear and exceed our prayers, we beseech thee.

Minister.—Dismiss us now, O God, our Father, with thy gracious blessing. Keep us in thy fear and favour this night, and through every night and day of our appointed time in this world, and may we all meet at length around the throne of glory to sing the praises of God and of the Lamb for ever and ever.

All.—Bless us, O Lord our God, and may we all meet in heaven to glorify thy name, and to enjoy the light of thy countenance for ever and for ever.

Minister.—O Lord God Almighty, May thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

All.—Amen.

Minister.—Thine, O God, is the Kingdom: Thine

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is the Power: and to Thee be all the Glory, both now and for ever and ever: amen.

All.—Amen, and amen.

[The writer of this Liturgy had for a while the intention of publishing this Missionary Prayer by itself, thinking it might be immediately useful while he was employed at leisure intervals in revising and extending the entire manual now offered to the public. In the prospect of this he wrote out a preface which he intended to give with it. A convenient opportunity however was not found for carrying this purpose into effect. On now looking over that preface, it is thought the following extracts from it may perhaps be useful, and they are accordingly here inserted.

Glorious things are spoken in the Holy Scriptures respecting the Kingdom of God in the latter days, and these days seem evidently advancing upon us at the present time. The Almighty, to bring about his purposes in this matter, acts as in other things by the instrumentality of means. These means are, the going forth of the Word of God to the nations, and the going forth of the Christian Missionary to teach and preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But, with these is combined another instrument not less effectual, and that is, the Prayers of the people of God. It may be safely averred that the Bible and the Missionary are successful in enlightening men, and in bringing them to salvation, in proportion to the number of the disciples of Christ who pray for such success, combined with the frequency and the fervency of the prayers they offer. He therefore who contributes to increase the number of those who pray for this end, and who aids in directing these prayers to the proper objects of supplication in this matter, contributes in his measure to help forward the kingdom of God. To serve the Lord Jesus Christ in this way, is the object of the present publication.

The Composer of this prayer has considered that a form such as the present would prove useful in fixing the attention of the supplicator more precisely and fully upon the main object in question, together with the collateral subjects that should enter into prayer in a congregation of christians come together for the specific purpose of praying for the spread of the gospel, and the glory of Zion.

This prayer, it is conceived, might he used with advantage in the monthly assemblies that regularly meet to entreat the Lord to make his name glorious in all the earth. It is not intended however that its use should supercede extemporary prayers on such occasions. On the contrary it would be better to have these also in addition to it, and partly because it might be proper to continue longer engaged in this service than the time this prayer would occupy, and partly that prayers might be offered up embracing specific objects and places of missionary work, or individuals engaged in this service.

It often happens, it is believed, that a few disciples of Christ feel strongly disposed to meet together in a social circle to supplicate for the coming of the Messiah's reign, and are hindered from doing so, by not having any minister or other properly qualified person to give

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utterance to their common supplications. This prayer will therefore be serviceable in such a circle, and thus the number of assemblies and supplicators for this object will be increased.

Further: it will not unfrequently happen that individuals, through various circumstances, are hindered from assembling with their brethren for the hallowed object here treated of. To all such this prayer is likely to prove acceptable, as it will enable them to join their supplications to those of their friends at the same hour, though absent from them in body. To this it may be added, that many individual christians may be inclined to pray specifically and at length for this interesting and important object, not only at the monthly period, but also weekly on the Lord's day, and on other days besides according to their leisure and opportunities. These also, it is hoped, may be benefited by this little manual.

The writer now commends to God this feeble attempt to promote the kingdom and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. He hopes, and prays, that it may be acceptable to his christian brethren; and that it may prove to them a stimulus and an aid in presenting their prayers at the throne of grace, in supplications for the glory of Christ, and the salvation of mankind.]

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A PRAYER

TO BE USED AT A GENERAL OR COMMITTEE MEETING OF A BIBLE SOCIETY.

Secretary.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Secretary.—Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we praise and adore thee for giving unto mankind a Revelation of thy Holy Will; and we bless thee, that this precious book, the Bible, thy holy revelation to the world, has been preserved from age to age, and down to the present times in which we live.

Meeting.—O God, we praise thee for the Bible, and for having preserved it down to our days.

Secretary.—Most Blessed God, we thank thee, that our lot was cast in a land where the Holy Scriptures are made known, and where they are open unto all. We thank thee that thy Word has been translated into our native tongue. We thank thee that we have been taught to read, and that we have thy Holy Book in our possession.

Meeting.—We praise thee, O God, for so graciously

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casting our lot, and that we have thy Word in our hands in our native tongue.

Secretary.—Glory be to thy name, O God, for having put it into the hearts of thy people in these latter days, to send thy Word abroad through all the world, and in the language of every people.

Meeting.—Glory be to thy name, O God, for this grace bestowed on thy church in these days.

Secretary.—Almighty God, we praise thee for what thou hast thus far enabled thy servants to do in this great work. Not unto them, O Lord,—Not unto us, but unto thy great name alone be all the praise and the glory.

Meeting.—All the glory herein is thine, Most Holy Father.

Secretary.—Follow with thy blessing, O Lord God, the circulation of thy Holy Word already effected through thy unworthy servants; and grant, O God, that thy Holy Spirit may be given to all who have had thy Word put into their hands. O lead them to read it attentively: may they understand it, and be made truly wise unto salvation through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour.

Meeting.—Grant thy Holy Spirit, O God, unto all who have received thy Word, that they may be made wise unto salvation.

Secretary.—O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, be pleased to grant, we beseech thee, that thy Word may have free and full course over all the world. Raise up, O Lord, many learned, and pious, and judicious men, that through their instrumentality thy blessed Word may speedily be translated into the languages of every kindred, and tribe, and nation, throughout the whole world: and graciously guide, O Lord, all those who at the present time are engaged in translating this precious Volume.

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Meeting.—O Lord, be pleased to raise up faithful translators of thy Word, and guide and direct all those who are translating it at the present time.

Secretary.—Be pleased, O Lord, to stir up thy people to come forth willingly and abundantly with the substance thou hast given them, that nothing may be wanting at any time to carry forward this great work. We adore thee for thy grace vouchsafed already to thy people in this matter in opening their hearts and their hands; and we pray thee to give them more and more grace to glorify thee herein.

Meeting.—O Lord, we thank thee for thy grace bestowed on thy people in this work: give them more and more, we beseech thee.

Secretary.—O Lord our God, we adore thee for thy especial favour in honouring us who are connected with this Society to labour in this glorious work. Forgive, O Lord, all the sins, the errors, the ignorances, and the negligences which may heretofore have been found in us, or in others, engaged in the administration of this service. And now, O Lord, be pleased to grant unto us, all that knowledge, and wisdom, and strength, and grace which we require, to enable us to glorify thee in conducting and forwarding the affairs of This Society committed to our charge.

Meeting—We adore thee, O God, for employing us in this work: pardon our past sins herein: and grant us now and henceforth thy grace abundantly.

Secretary.—Almighty God, since thou hast been pleased to honour us as thy instruments for putting thy Word into the hands of many, grant us grace, we beseech thee, that we ourselves individually may diligently read thy Word, may understand it, and follow after it, in its doctrines, and in its precepts, that so we may enjoy thy salvation in this world, and in the world to come.

Meeting.—Lord, grant us grace to read thy Word

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constantly, and may we enjoy all its promised blessings here and hereafter.

Secretary.—Almighty Father, pour out thy Spirit, we beseech thee, on all the Members of this Committee, and on all the Office Bearers, and Supporters of this, and all other Bible Societies. And vouchsafe, O Lord, to guide, direct, and bless, all who are engaged specifically, or generally, in circulating thy Word at home and abroad. Raise up more of thy Servants to take a share in this work of diffusing life through the world, and make openings for thy Word every where.

Meeting.—Bless, O Lord, all the Members and Officers, and Supporters of this, and of all Bible Societies; and bless all who are employed especially or generally in circulating thy Word; and give an entrance to it in every place.

Secretary.—O Lord, most graciously vouchsafe to be with us on this present occasion. We trust we have come here in thy name, and to promote thy glory. But, O Lord our God, we are weak, erring, and inefficient in ourselves. We come therefore unto thee, and we implore thee to give us thy Spirit, to teach us and to guide us in all that we are called to engage in on this occasion. Give us a sound judgment in every thing that comes before us, and lead us to those measures which may the most effectually promote thy kingdom and glory, and the salvation of men. Grant us a right spirit in all we say, and incline us duly to defer to each other, and with simplicity and sincerity of mind to seek after what is most conformable to thy blessed and holy will.

Meeting.—Gracious Father, vouchsafe to us thy presence on this occasion, we earnestly beseech thee.

Secretary.—Hear these our supplications, O Lord; accept of our thanksgivings; forgive us all our sins; and grant unto us collectively, and individually, an abundant blessing, and above all we ask, for the sake

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of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour: to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever: amen.

Meeting.—To whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever: amen, and amen.

When the Meeting is a General one, and not of the Committee, then the two last sentences in the last collect but one, "Give us &c." will be left out, and the following words substituted in their place.—"Give us to speak only according to thy will, and may every thing said be for Christian edification and usefulness to all who are here assembled."

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A SOCIAL PRAYER:—

to be used when a few christian friends meet in the house of one of their number, to make supplications for themselves, their friends, the Church of Christ, and the world at large: Malachi, 3: 16.—Acts, 12: 12.

The Conductor of the Worship.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"When those &c."—[pronouncing the two first lines of the following hymn:—or referring to some other, and pronouncing the two first lines of it.]

[All Stand.]

1. When those who feared the Lord of old
   Met oft, and spake with one accord,
   A book was written, and enrolled
   Their faithful names before the Lord.

2. They shall be mine, Jehovah said,
   And as a signet on my hand,
   A crown of glory for my head,
   Among my chosen jewels stand.

3. And I will spare them in that day,
   Even as a father spares his son,
   When all the proud are swept away,
   The wicked, root and branch, undone.

4. Then shall my righteousness be shown:
   Then, by their good or evil lot,
   The sinner and the saint be known,
   Who served the Lord,—*who* served Him not.

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5. Lord, we are taught thy name to fear;
O may we tremble to offend;
Lord, we are taught to serve Thee here;
May we be faithful to the end.

6. Our names are on thy Church's rolls,
But in thy Book our pardon write;
Rich was the ransom of our souls,
May they be precious in thy sight.

Conductor.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Conductor.—Almighty God, Maker and Governor of the Universe, we draw near into thy hallowed presence, and approach thy throne of grace. O Lord, have mercy upon us whilst we are so engaged, and enable us to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

All present.—Almighty Maker and Governor of the Universe, enable us at this time to worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Conductor.—Almighty and Most Merciful God, we presume not to come before thee in our own name, for we are sinful, defiled, and guilty creatures, and thou art Most Holy and Pure, and infinitely removed from sin, and altogether inaccessible to sinners in their own name. But we come unto thee, not in our own name, but in the name of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, through whom thou art approachable, and through whom thou art merciful and gracious.

All.—Merciful God, behold us before thee, not in our own name, but in the name of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Conductor.—O God, Infinitely wise and glorious in all thy ways, we adore and praise thee for the display of thy Justice and Mercy in the gift, the unspeakable gift of thy Son Jesus Christ, for this sinful, and lost, and miserable world. Through the atone-

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ment made for sinners by Jesus Christ according to thy appointment, thou, O God, art just, and the justifier of the ungodly. Glory and adoration be to thy name, Infinite Jehovah, for this glorious display of thy character, and for this thy mercy to sinners.

All.—Glory and adoration be to thy name, Infinite Jehovah, for this display of thy character, and for this thy mercy to sinners.

Conductor.—Most Merciful Father, we approach thy throne of grace through the sacrifice and atonement made on our behalf by our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Through this sacrifice alone we look unto thee, assured that there is no remedy for us but in it, and assured that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin according to thine own blessed declaration. Condescend, O God, to look upon us through the All-Glorious Work of Jesus Christ for our Redemption.

All.—O Lord, condescend to look upon us, through the All-Glorious Work of Jesus Christ for our Redemption.

Conductor.—O Lord, we confess before thee, that we, one and all of us, are sinners, guilty and vile in thy sight. Thy all-just and perfect law of Love,—of love to thee, and love to our fellow men, we have broken times and ways without number, and much and greatly have our sins in many ways been aggravated. O Lord, we lie under condemnation most just, we have merited thy indignation and wrath. But thou, O God of Mercy, have mercy upon us. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed expressly for the remission of sin,—O Lord, grant us the remission of our sins, and a full absolution from all our guilt, through the all-precious atonement made by our Blessed Redeemer for our Salvation.

All.—O Lord of Mercy, grant unto us, we beseech thee, the remission of all our sins, and a full absolution from all our guilt, through the atonement made by our Blessed Redeemer for our Salvation.

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Conductor.—O Lord our God, we adore thee for that peace which thou hast promised through the forgiveness of sins in thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord, grant unto us this Peace, sensibly and abundantly: O let us enjoy peace, full peace, with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All.—O God our Maker, vouchsafe unto us, a full and entire peace with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conductor.—O God of all grace, remember, we pray thee, remember thy promise to give thy Holy Spirit to dwell in all who believe in thy Son Jesus Christ. O Lord, *we* believe, O Lord, give to *us* thy Spirit, according to thy promise. O may God dwell in us, and may we dwell in God, through his Spirit given unto us.

All.—O may God dwell in us, and may we dwell in God, through his Spirit given unto us.

Conductor.—Father of mercies and God of love, we give thanks and adoration to thy Ever Blessed Name, for ordering our lot in a land of light and salvation, for bringing to our ears the message of mercy and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. And, O God of love, especially do we praise thee, for opening our understandings and our hearts, and making us to believe and receive thy salvation offered unto us in the gospel of thy grace. All glory be to thy name, O Lord our God, for these thy dealings of mercy, grace, and love, towards us poor and guilty sinners.

All.—All glory be to thy name, O Lord our God, for these thy dealings of mercy, grace, and love, towards us poor and guilty sinners.

Conductor—And now, O Lord our God and our Father, what should we do that we might show forth thy praise and glory for thus calling us out of darkness into thy marvellous light. O Lord our God, how may we praise thee, how may we magnify thy Adorable

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Name, for the exceeding riches of thy grace, and for all thy love towards us.

All.—O Lord, how may we magnify thy Name, for the greatness of thy love towards us.

Conductor.—Thy command, O God, which thou hast given to us, is, that we should hear and love, that we should serve and obey, and imitate thy Son Jesus Christ, who is the Brightness of thy Glory, and the Express Image of thy Person, who purged away our sins, and now sits on the Right Hand of the Majesty on high. Lord God, we would indeed listen to thy command, we would, with all our hearts, hear thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and would love him and serve him, and would obey him, and imitate him in all things to the glory of thy Most Holy Name. O Lord, give us grace and strength thus to do, we earnestly beseech thee: O give us grace to glorify thee in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All.—O Lord, give us grace and strength abundantly, that we may glorify thee in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Conductor.—O Lord God, we would consider ourselves as not our own, but as bought with a price, as bought with the precious blood of Christ; and we gratefully and humbly acknowledge the blessed obligation we are thus laid under to glorify God, in our body and in our spirit which are thine. Most Gracious Father, grant us grace, thus to glorify thee most sincerely and constantly, in our body and in our spirit, and in our whole soul.

All —Most Gracious Father, grant us grace, that we may sincerely and constantly glorify thee, in our body and in our spirit, which are thine.

Conductor.—Merciful Father, we bless thee for the means of Instruction and of Grace which we enjoy. We adore thee for thy blessed word of revelation; we adore thee for a throne of grace, to which, through our

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Great Intercessor, we have access at all times; we adore thee for the ordinances of thy house, and the privilege of assembling with the Great Congregation on thy holy day. May we rejoice in all these spiritual advantages which we enjoy, and may our souls truly grow in grace through these means of thy appointment.

All.—O Lord our Father, we adore thee for all our privileges, and pray that our souls may truly grow in grace by these means of thy appointment.

Conductor.—Blessed Father, we thank and praise thee for giving us the opportunity, and for putting it into our hearts, to meet together in this Social Band. O our Father, may these our meetings prove spirit and life to each one of us. O may they be the means of uniting our hearts unto our Dear Redeemer, and of uniting our hearts to one another for his sake.

All.—O Lord, we thank thee for the privilege of thus meeting together. O let these meetings prove the means of knitting our hearts to our Saviour, and to one another.

Conductor.—O Most Blessed God and our heavenly Father, very graciously, we beseech thee, look down at this time, on this our Little Band. Behold us, in humble posture at thy throne of grace, and hungering and thirsting for thy blessing. O our Father, come unto us, O come now unto us, and bless us, we most earnestly entreat thee. Let thy face shine upon us, and call us thy sons and daughters, O Lord God Almighty; and infuse into our hearts the Spirit of Adoption most richly and abundantly, through our Sacrifice and Intercessor, Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

All.—O Lord our heavenly Father, cause to shine upon all of us now here before thee, the blessed light of thy countenance, that we may have life, joy, and salvation.

Conductor.—Merciful Father, look upon each one

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of us now in thy presence *individually*. We are all of us sinners, but our cases are various; we are all of us ignorant and weak, and tempted, though in various ways. But all our burdens we bring unto the Lord, and all our cares we would cast upon thee, assured that thou carest for us. Look on us then, O our God, as we individually appear before thee at this time. Bestow on us knowledge, bestow on us humility, bestow upon us grace, bestow upon us strength, according to our individual and respective necessities. What we each of us, and all of us ask of thee, is, that we may ever abide in Christ; that we may rest only and fully upon his atoning blood; and that we may seek to please and glorify our Blessed Redeemer, in every thing, and at all times, and under all circumstances. Thus, O Lord, may we live in Christ, and bring forth fruit, and much fruit in him, to the glory of thy Most Holy Name.

All.—O Lord, look upon each of us *individually*, and let us each glorify thee, and enjoy thy favour in thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Conductor.—Again, O Lord our God, we bring our individual cases before thee. O look upon us, for we are very sinful and weak; very proud, stubborn, and cold hearted: many and various are our temptations, our trials, and our snares; and we, alas, have no strength to cope with these evils. But, O Lord, we would rejoice that our sufficiency is not in ourselves, and that thine all sufficiency is ours, and given to us through the atonement and mediation of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Behold us then, O our Father, in our varied trials, temptations, and weaknesses, and be not far from us in the time of our need, and our distresses, but dwell in us, O God, by thy Spirit, and thy Almighty Power. To thy throne of grace, O Lord thou knowest, to thy throne of grace we each individually come in our closets and retirements, in all our troubles and afflictions: all our recourse is to thee, and all our hope is in thee. But though we have thus, and often,

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as thou knowest, come singly and privately before thee, and have also we trust been heard of thee, and been accepted and answered; yet, O God, our wants are not satisfied; and knowing thy especial promises given in favour of two three or more supplicating thee at one time, and with one voice, and for the same things, we have now come together to help each other, that we may draw down thy blessings largely upon us collectively and individually. And shall we come to thee, O Lord God, in vain, can thy promises fail, those blessed promises which thou hast given us in Christ Jesus, for our encouragement in coming to thy throne of grace? O no, assuredly the word of the Lord cannot fail. O then, our God, our Father, our All, O come to us, and bless us, at this time, and may each one of us have to say, "Of a truth, the Lord has been gracious unto me, and has fulfilled unto me, and also exceeded, all his promised goodness."

All.—O our God, do fulfil unto us, all thy blessed promises given us in Jesus Christ, through waiting on thee at thy throne of grace.

Conductor.—O Lord, remember us in all our distresses, and let us not be tried, or tempted, or troubled above what we are able to bear. O make a way for us to escape from sin, and danger, and every evil, and hold us up continually in thy ways; let us give thee glory upon earth, and may we be glorified with thee in heaven, for ever and ever.

All.—O Lord, hold us up by thy grace continually, and may we glorify thy name, and be glorified with thee.

Conductor.—O God our heavenly Father, very graciously look, we beseech thee, upon our Families. May each of our mansions be a house of God, where thy name is worshipped, honoured, and glorified. Let there be no ungodliness within our dwellings, but may all be holiness unto the Lord. O God of Israel, make our Families thy abode, and may thy presence be ever visible among us.

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All.—O God of Israel, make our Families thy abode, and may thy presense be ever visible among us.

Conductor.—God of all grace, we supplicate thee, to look compassionately upon our Dear Children. O take them, and make them thy children in Christ Jesus our Lord. Give us understanding, and grace, and strength, we beseech thee, to train them up in the fear of God, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in all godly subjection. O may they glorify thee on earth in their day and generation, and may we all be united together at length on Mount Zion, to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, for ever and for ever.

All.—O God of all grace, most graciously bestow thy rich blessings on our Dear Children, we earnestly beseech thee.

Conductor.—O Lord God, the Maker of all, be pleased to grant thy blessing abundantly to our Servants. May they be of a truth thy servants in Jesus Christ, and may they glorify their Saviour by diligence and faithfulness in the sphere in which they are placed, and in all the duties, cares, and attentions which devolve on them. And, do thou enable us, O our God, to conduct ourselves towards our servants in all things according to the precepts of thy Holy Word.

All.—O Lord, bless our servants, and may they, and we, glorify thy name according to the precepts of thy Holy Word.

Conductor.—O God of mercy and compassion, graciously behold and pity all and each of those individuals belonging to our families, and others, whose names and whose cases have been mentioned in particular on this occasion, and for whom our prayers are solicited. O Lord our God, do, we beseech thee, very compassionately regard them in all their troubles and distresses, and grant them thy help, for to thee do they cry, and to thee are their eyes directed, for succour and

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for relief. O relieve their distresses, support them under them, and if it please thee, grant them an early and a full deliverance from all these their afflictions. But, O God, especially do we beseech thee on their behalf, that thou wouldst make their distresses and afflictions to become to them the means in thy hand of spiritual and eternal blessings. May those of them who know thy grace, glorify thee in thy Son Jesus Christ, by bringing forth much fruit, in patience and resignation, in humility, and holiness, in this their day of trial and distress. And may those of them who have not yet fled to Jesus Christ for refuge and salvation, now flee to him and be Saved.—O most gracious Father, hear us indeed, we beseech thee, and answer our supplications, and fully, for all these individuals in their afflictions of various kinds, and regard them all in great compassion and mercy and love, and may they be truly, abundantly, and everlastingly blessed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All.—O Lord our God, most graciously support, relieve, deliver, and bless, all those afflicted persons whom we now commend to thy compassion.

Conductor.—Almighty and all gracious Father, we now bring before thee, for thy blessing, all our Relatives, our Friends, and our Acquaitances. O bless them, we beseech thee, in the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. Enable them all to seek the Kingdom of God, to enter it, and to abide in it; and do thou be pleased, O Lord, to add unto them such of this world's things as they stand in need of, even those which may be truly good for them in the present life, and conducive to their everlasting welfare.—Grant unto us, O our Father, that we may so live in the presence of all those who are connected with us in various ways, that we may glorify thy name before them, and prove a blessing unto them.—Hear these our prayers, O God, for all our friends, and hear all the prayers which they offer up to thee on our behalf, and may we truly prove blessings unto each other.

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All.—All gracious Father, bestow abundant blessings, we beseech thee, on all who stand connected with us, and let us prove mutual blessings to each other.

Conductor.—Almighty God, bless, we pray thee, this town and neighbourhood in which we dwell. May all thy people here grow in grace, and in love to one another. May all thy servants who minister in holy things among us be faithful and diligent in holding forth the true and only way of salvation through the atonement made by Jesus Christ, and may many be turned by them from darkness to light, and may they build up, and comfort, and strengthen all thy flocks under their charge.—O have mercy on all in this place who are living ignorant of the way of salvation, or who are walking counter to it. O Lord our God, let them see their danger, and lead them to flee from the wrath to come.—Most Blessed Father, O enable us thy unworthy servants, to shine and give light in this place, with all knowledge, wisdom, and humility. Keep us from dishonouring thy name in any way, or letting the light which is in us be darkness. Bless us richly, O our Father, with thy Spirit, and thy grace, and make us blessings on every hand to all around us.

All.—Bless, O Lord, all the inhabitants of this town and neighbourhood, and make us to prove a blessing unto them all.

Conductor.—Most Gracious Father, bless, we entreat thee, all thy people scattered up and down through the wide world. O bestow upon them all, thy Holy Spirit, and enable them to glorify thy name greatly, by abiding in Christ, and bringing forth much fruit. Unite all thy children, O our Father, into one flock. Destroy, we pray thee, every prejudice and bias; and enlighten us all that we may see eye to eye, and may with unity of heart, and with one mind and one mouth glorify thy name, and shew ourselves to the

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world as the children of one and the same Father, and having all one spirit, and following after the same eternal objects.—And, O Thou All Glorious Head, hear the prayers of thy Body for us poor unworthy members of the same.

All.—O our God, bless, and unite into one, all thy people, throughout the whole world; and hear the prayers of all thy church for us.

Conductor.—O God Most Holy, shower down, we beseech thee, thy blessings on all the Ministers of the Gospel of Christ in every place throughout all the world. O Lord, give to all thy Servants a large portion of thy Spirit, that they may save themselves, and those committed to their charge. O enable them truly to feed and establish all thy people, and earnestly may they endeavour to present every one under them perfect in Christ Jesus. May they also very faithfully and fully, and clearly point out the way of life in Jesus Christ to those who are without, and from week to week may they bring many into thy fold. May all thy ministers, O Lord, be clothed with righteousness, and be patterns to their flocks in all holiness and godliness. Gracious Father, may thy ministers partake largely of the joys of thy salvation, here below, and in due time take them to the everlasting mansions above, and make them to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

All.—Most Gracious Father, shower down thy blessings, we beseech thee, on all the Ministers of the Gospel in every place.

Conductor.—Blessed Father, pour out thy Spirit abundantly on the Congregations to which we respectively belong, and on the Ministers of these flocks. O may true religion greatly flourish among us, and may each flock be like a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. O our Father, make us individually true members of these thy flocks, and may we employ all the little talents and means which thou hast given us,

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whether of a private or public nature, for the good, and edification, and prosperity of our brethren. May we rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those that weep, and may we all respectively be of one heart and of one soul in the Lord.

All.—O Lord, bless the flocks and their ministers with which we are respectively connected, and may great grace be upon them all.

Conductor.—O Lord God of the whole Earth, have mercy, we beseech thee, on the whole world. O send forth thy light, thy Holy Word, unto all nations, and in all languages: O may the Scriptures have free course, and be glorified in every land.—And send forth, O Lord, thy Messengers to evangelize the world, by declaring aloud thy salvation to all mankind every where.—We adore thee, O Lord God, for what has already been done, in these our days; and to thy name alone be all the glory. O prosper thy work, we beseech thee, more and more, and may the Gospel speedily be published for a witness among all nations, that the way of the Lord may be prepared. O may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done in all the earth, as it is in heaven.

All.—O Lord, send forth the Holy Scriptures, and thy Messengers, to evangelize all nations, and may thy name be glorified over all the earth.

Conductor.—O Lord our God and our heavenly Father, we have now made our supplications before thee, for our families, for all our friends, for the church of God, for the whole world; and we now again turn to our poor selves, and again we do urge and beseech thee, to give to each of us in this Praying Band, large and precious blessings in all heavenly things in thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. O let us be filled with the Holy Ghost, let us pass our time in this world as strangers and pilgrims, and let us rejoice in Jesus Christ with joy unspeakable and full of glory; and, O let us all be presented at last before thy presence with

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exceeding joy and everlasting triumph, through our Blessed Redeemer,

All.—O our Father, bless thy poor unworthy servants here assembled, and crown us at length with glory in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conductor.—Lord God Almighty, wash us now from all the sin that hath cleaved to us in these our services, and from all our guilt of every kind, in the precious atoning blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and cause the light of thy countenance to shine upon us greatly, both now and for ever and ever: amen.

All.—Lord God Almighty, wash us now from all the sin that hath cleaved to us in these our services, and from all our guilt of every kind, in the precious atoning blood of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and cause the light of thy countenance to shine upon us greatly, both now and for ever and ever: amen, and amen.

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MORNING FAMILY WORSHIP:

FOR

WEEK DAYS.

Father, or other Head of the Family.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence, and to worship thee at this time, with reverence and with godly fear. Withdraw our minds from every thing but thy worship and service in which we are now immediately engaged. May thy presence, O God, be with us, according to thy promise. Graciously instruct us from thy word; let us sing thy praise with melody in our hearts; and pour out on us a spirit of prayer: and O may we find thy presence sweet, refreshing, and edifying to our souls, whilst we are thus waiting upon thee. Vouchsafe unto us these blessings, O our God, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as

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we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

Father.—The portion of Holy Scripture for this morning is &c.—

[The Scriptures will then be read.]

Father.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"In sleep's serene &c."

[All stand.]

1. In sleep's serene oblivion laid,
   I safely passed the silent night;
   Again I see the breaking shade,
   I drink again the morning light.

2. New-born, I bless the waking hour,
   Once more, with awe, rejoice to *be;*
   My conscious soul resumes her power,
   And springs, my guardian God, to Thee!

3. O guide me through the various maze,
   My doubtful feet are doomed to tread;
   And spread thy shield's protecting blaze
   Where dangers press around my head.

4. A deeper shade shall soon impend,
   A deeper sleep mine eyes oppress;
   Yet then thy strength shall still defend,
   Thy goodness still delight to bless.

5. That deeper shade shall break away,
   That deeper sleep shall leave mine eyes;
   Thy light shall give eternal day—
   Thy love, the rapture of the skies.

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Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty Father, we bow down together this morning at thy throne of grace. Enable us, we entreat thee, to make our supplications before thee in the simplicity of our hearts, and with all truth and earnestness. Fulfil unto us at this time, our Father and our God, that gracious promise which thou hast given, of being thyself present where two or three are met together in thy name.

Family.—Gracious Father, meet with us all this morning in waiting on thee together, and may we truly worship thee with our lips and in our hearts.

Father.—We come to thee, O Lord, in the name of Christ, our only Mediator and Intercessor with thee. In that atonement made by thy Son Jesus Christ for guilty men, we place all our trust for thy favour here, and for thy favour hereafter. Wash away all our sins, O God, in the precious blood of Christ; and grant us thy Holy Spirit to dwell in us, that we may lead a life of sobriety, righteousness, and godliness, to the honour and glory of thy name through Jesus Christ.

Family.—O Lord, we trust in thee through Jesus Christ. Sanctify us to thyself in him, we earnestly beseech thee.

Father.—We unite our voices together, O God, in thanksgiving unto thee this morning, for thy kindness and mercy to us all, during the night that is past. By thy favour we have all been preserved in safety during the hours of darkness, by thy favour we have enjoyed sleep and are refreshed, and by thy favour we again behold the cheering light of day. Truly, O Lord, thy visitation sustains our life, and in thee we live, and breathe, and have our being. O Lord, since we so evidently live by thee in every respect, grant,

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we beseech thee, that we may live entirely devoted to thy service, and that we may glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are thine.

Family.—O Lord, we all adore thee for thy gracious blessings to us during the past night, and for thy kindness to us this morning; and we earnestly desire that we may live entirely unto thee in all our ways.

Father.—Gracious Father, be with each one of us this day in all our outgoings and incomings, and enable us to live throughout the day as the servants of Jesus Christ, not doing our own will, but the will of him who died for us, and who redeemed us by his precious blood. May our whole concern this day be, to approve ourselves to our Blessed Master and Redeemer, that we may thus glorify thyself in him. May we grow in the knowledge of our Master's will this day, and may we grow in his favour. O let not the name of Christ be dishonoured by any of us this day, but may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all our concerns.

Family.—Most Gracious Father, enable us all this day to abide in Jesus Christ, and to bring forth much fruit, to the praise and glory of thy name through him.

Father.—O Lord our God, enable us all this day rightly and faithfully to attend to the several duties which devolve on us according to the work thou hast assigned us respectively. May we all be diligent and faithful, and may we yield unto thee, not a constrained but a willing service. Wherein we are ignorant of our duties do thou instruct us, and may we have due docility to receive instruction from every quarter, considering all as sent by thyself for our good. Wherein we are weak and insufficient for our duties, do thou most graciously strengthen us for them. And in those things in which we are easily led away and overcome through temptations of any kind, do

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thou enable us especially to watch against them, and may we stand strong in the Lord.

Family.—O Lord, do thou graciously instruct us, and strengthen us, and watch over us this day in all our ways, that thy name may be glorified in us.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, we pray thee to bless this day thy servants who in thy providence are the heads of this house. May they have grace to act in all things in a manner corresponding to the prominent situation in which thou hast placed them, and may their conduct be an example to all this family. In all their instructions, their commands, their reproofs, and their admonitions to those placed under them, may they remember that they have a master in heaven with whom there is no respect of persons. Enable them to rule with all gentleness, and with all firmness; and may thy blessing be on them in all the concerns entrusted to their care.

Family—Graciously be pleased, O God, to bless thy servants at the head of this family, and may we all yield to them that attention which respectively becometh us as the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Father.—O Lord our heavenly Father, kindly look, we beseech thee, on the children of this family. Preserve them, O Lord, from the many dangers to which they are exposed in their tender years. May they be willingly and attentively obedient to all the instructions they receive, and be kind and docile in all their ways. Bless them with health, and length of days, if such be thy holy will; but especially do we pray thee to bless them with the knowledge of thy salvation, and may they glorify thee in thy Son Jesus Christ in their day and generation.

Family.—Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, the children of this family. May they be preserved from all dangers for many years, and may they be blessed in Jesus Christ, and be made a blessing to the world.

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Father.—O God Almighty, we pray thee to bless the servants of this family. Enable them to be faithful in all their duties, not rendering eye-service, but acting as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; and may they be cheered in all their service with the conviction that they are serving the Lord Jesus Christ. May they rest in his atonement, and do his will, and at length may they receive the inheritance thou hast promised to those who love thee.

Family.—O Lord, graciously bless the servants of this family; make them faithful in all their service, and grant to them at last the crown of eternal life.

Father.—Bless, O our God, we entreat thee, all our relatives, all our friends, and all our acquaintances.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—We pray thee, O God, to bless all thy people, and may it please thee speedily to make known thy salvation among all nations, in every family, and to every individual.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Show thy compassion, O Lord, we beseech thee, to the Poor, to the Ignorant, and to the Distressed; reclaim the vicious, have mercy upon all: and may thy kingdom come, and may thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O Lord our God and Father, most graciously look upon us all, we earnestly beseech thee. Keep us throughout this day in thy fear and in thy favour: may we serve thee in all things with a single eye and a single heart; may our thoughts and our hopes be in heaven, and may we finally be brought to thy eternal kingdom and glory.

Family.—O Lord, condescend to keep us in holiness

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and righteousness throughout the day; and finally do thou bring us to the eternal mansions of glory.

Father.—O Thou hearer of prayer, vouchsafe to us all, a gracious answer to our supplications now made before thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Beloved Son, and our only Mediator and Intercessor: amen.

Family.—O Lord, be merciful and gracious to us all, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer: amen, and amen.

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EVENING FAMILY WORSHIP:

FOR

WEEK DAYS.

Father, or other Head of the Family.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence, and to worship thee at this time, with reverence and with godly fear. Withdraw our minds from every thing but thy worship and service in which we are now immediately engaged. May thy presence, O God, be with us, according to thy promise. Graciously instruct us from thy word; let us sing thy praise with melody in our hearts; and pour out on us a spirit of prayer: and O may we find thy presence sweet, refreshing, and edifying to our souls, whilst we are thus waiting upon thee. Vouchsafe unto us these blessings, O our God, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil:

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For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

Father.—The portion of Holy Scripture for this evening is &c.—

[The Scriptures will then be read.]

Father.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God :—" Author of &c."

1. Author of the whole creation,
   Light of light, eternal Word!
   Soul and body's preservation
   I commit to thee, O Lord!
   My Redeemer, dwell in me,
   Let me sleep and wake with Thee,
   And perceive thy benediction,
   Both in joy and in affliction.

2. When I close mine eyes in slumber,
   And my senses are asleep,
   Let my waking heart, the number
   Of thy mercies tell and keep;
   Fill me with thy sacred love,
   That I dream of things above,
   And bestow on me the favour
   Of thy presence, gracious Saviour.

3. Pardon, Jesus, each transgression,
   Whether open or unknown,
   Thus removing that oppression
   Under which I else should groan;
   I confess the guilt of sin,
   But thy blood can make me clean;
   Hear, O Lord, my supplication,
   Grant me joy and consolation.

Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

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Father.—Our Father who art in heaven, at the close of this day, we present ourselves before thy throne of grace. In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we come into thy presence. May thy Holy Spirit especially dwell in us whilst we wait upon thee, that we may humble ourselves under thy mighty hand, that we may be full of gratitude and love for thy mercies, and that we may have peace and joy in thee through our Blessed Redeemer.

Family.—Our Father in heaven, graciously grant us thy Holy Spirit whilst we wait upon thee together this evening.

Father.—O Lord, we thank thee for all thy goodness to us throughout this day. Thou hast sustained us all the day long, thou hast protected us, hast supplied our wants, and hast bestowed on us many blessings and comforts. Make us, O Lord, truly thankful to thee for all thy mercies, and all thy benefits; and may we be truly sensible of our undeservingness.

Family.—O Lord, we adore thee for all thy mercies to us this day, and confess ourselves unworthy of the least of thy mercies.

Father.—Blessed God, we thank thee for enabling us in any measure to attend to our duties this day as the servants of Christ. Graciously be pleased, O Lord, to follow with thy blessing all the labours in which we have this day been engaged.

Family.—O God, if it seem good in thy sight, prosper the labours in which we have this day been engaged.

Father.—Almighty God, we confess before thee, that all we do is done in much ignorance and in much weakness, and is intermixed with much sin. Forgive, O Lord, all the sins we have committed this day of whatever kind: wash them all away, we beseech thee, in the precious blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and may they never rise up in judgment against us. O

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be pleased, our Father, to grant unto us this evening a sweet sense of thy forgiveness.

Family.—O Father, graciously forgive us all the sins we have committed this day, and grant us the sweet sense of thy pardon and love.

Father.—O Thou searcher of all hearts, enable each one of us this evening individually and alone to examine ourselves with all closeness, and sincerity, and godliness, as to our thoughts, our feelings, our words, and our actions, during the day. May we scrutinise with all godly severity every motive of action we have had, and may we try ourselves, not by the standards of men, but by the Holy Law of God. Lead each one of us to see how far we are wanting when tried in this balance, and may we feel that godly sorrow which we ought to feel on account of our many shortcomings and transgressions. May we all see our daily need of being washed in the blood of Christ: wash us therein, O Lord, this evening, and may we lie down in peace with thee through the atonement of our Redeemer, and may we have joy in the Holy Ghost.

Family.—O Lord God, lead each one of us most closely and sincerely to examine all the motives and all the actions of the day. May we see our need of washing in the blood of Christ: O wash us now therein that we may be clean, and may we have peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Father.—We pray, O Lord, this evening, that thy blessing may rest on all our relatives, on all our friends, and on all our acquaintances. Forgive them the sins of this day: lead them all to the Lord Jesus Christ: and may they be blessed in him here and hereafter.

Family.—Grant, O Lord, thy gracious blessing in Christ Jesus unto all our friends.

Father.—O Lord, vouchsafe this evening thy abun-

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dant blessing to all thy people, to all who call on thy name in Christ Jesus out of a pure heart. May grace and mercy and peace be abundantly multiplied unto them all. May they grow in grace, may they be united in one heart and soul, and may they in all things adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. Be pleased to grant, O Lord, that the number of those who love thee in the Lord Jesus Christ may daily and abundantly increase.

Family.—Grant thy rich blessing, O God, unto all thy people, and may their numbers greatly increase.

Father.—Have pity, O Lord, we beseech thee, on this dark, and ignorant, and sinful world. O let the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine forth and enlighten all nations. May thy Holy Word be translated into all languages, may it be put into the hands of every individual, may all be taught to read it, and may the Holy Spirit be poured down abundantly, that thy will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Family.—O Lord, have mercy on the world at large, and send forth thy light and truth to all nations, that thy name may be glorified from the rising to the setting sun.

Father.—Pity, O Lord, the Poor, and the Distressed, around us, and every where: and most graciously come, O Lord, to their relief in thy holy time and way. Make us, O God, who have received so many mercies, make us hourly thankful to thee for all our enjoyments, and may we see them all coming from thy hand; and in humility, and gratitude, and joy, may we partake of all thy benefits.

Family.—O Lord, pity all who are in distress, and make us truly thankful for all the blessings we enjoy.

Father.—Bless, O Lord, our Native Land. Guide and direct and bless our King: may he glorify thee here, and be glorified with thee hereafter. Bless also, we pray thee, his Ministers; and bless our

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Legislators, and all who are in authority in this nation. Grant, O Lord, in thy goodness towards us, that True Religion, Knowledge, Righteousness, and Plenty may prevail throughout the land.

Family.—Graciously, O God, bless our King, and all in authority among us.

Father.—And now, Our Father and our God, into thy most gracious hands we commend ourselves through the silent hours of the night. Guard us all from every harm, we beseech thee; grant us refreshing sleep during the night; in health and strength of body and of mind may we awake in the morning; and may our first thoughts, on awaking, be thoughts of gratitude, and devotion, and love towards thee.

Family.—Our Father, grant us thy gracious blessing through the night, in the morning, and for ever and ever.

Father.—O Lord, hear us, forgive us, and bless us, for our Redeemer's sake: amen.

Family.—O Lord, hear us, forgive us, and bless us, for our Redeemer's sake: amen, and amen.

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MORNING FAMILY WORSHIP:

FOR

THE LORD'S DAY.

Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence, and to worship thee, at this time, with reverence and with godly fear. Withdraw our minds from every thing but thy worship and service in which we are now immediately engaged. May thy presence, O God, be with us, according to thy promise. Graciously instruct us from thy word; let us sing thy praise with melody in our hearts; and pour out on us a spirit of prayer: and O may we find thy presence sweet, refreshing, and edifying to our souls whilst we are thus waiting upon thee. Vouchsafe unto us these blessings, O our God, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

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Father.—The portion of Holy Scripture for this morning is, &c. [The Scriptures will then be read.]

Father.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"The Lord of Sabbath &c."

[All stand.]

1. The Lord of Sabbath let us praise,
   In concert with the blest;
   Who, joyful in harmonious lays,
   Employ an endless rest.
   Thus, Lord, while we remember Thee,
   We blessed and pious grow;
   By hymns of praise we learn to be
   Triumphant here below.

2. On this glad day a brighter scene
   Of glory was displayed,
   By God, the eternal Word, than when
   This universe was made:
   He rises, who mankind has bought
   With grief and pain extreme:
   'Twas great to speak a world from nought;
   'Twas greater to redeem.

Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty God, Father of the Universe, God of mercy and love, most graciously look down from on high, upon this family here assembled to worship thee together on this thy holy day. O Lord our God, most graciously shine on us with the light of thy countenance whilst we offer up our united prayers to thee at this time at thy throne of grace.

Family.—O God our Father, most graciously look on us, and give us thy blessing at this time in waiting upon thee.

Father.—O Lord God, we draw near to thee as *sinners*, for such we ever have been, and such we now are. We are alienated from thee, O God, yea we are corrupted and vile before thee, both in body and in mind. We are truly guilty, O Most Holy God, and we are righteously condemned. But, O Lord God

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Almighty, thou art Merciful, as well as Holy and Just, and thy Mercy thou hast gloriously manifested to this guilty world in the gift of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ. Through Him, O Lord God, through Him alone, we come unto thee, and through his blessed name we implore thee to have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us all now here before thee in this family, have mercy upon us all, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

Family.—O Lord God, we are all sinners, and guilty, and comdemned before thee: Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Father.—O God of mercy and salvation, we praise and we adore thy glorious name, for the Forgiveness of sins through the atonement made for us in the sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, we adore thee for offering to us individually, this Forgiveness, this Remission, and this Absolution from our sins, our guilt, and condemnation, through the all precious and atoning blood of thy Beloved Son, the Saviour of sinners. In that atoning blood, O Lord God, we believe, and in all its blessed effects according to thy faithful word of grace and of promise. Forgive us then, O our God, all our sin, and wash us clean from all our guilt, and make us stand before thee, pure and holy, through this most precious and atoning blood.

Family.—O God of mercy, wash us from all our guilt, and make us clean and pure before thee, through the all precious and atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

Father.—O Lord our God, pour out thy Spirit on us in Jesus Christ our Saviour: pour out thy Spirit richly upon us on this thy Holy Day. O God, we bless thee for this Sacred Day, on which thou hast placed thine own Most Holy Name: we thank thee for its weekly return: and we praise thee that thou hast spared us and preserved us through the week

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that is past, and hast favoured us again to see the light of thy day of holiness. O may the sacred day be wholly thine, and be entirely devoted unto thee.

Family.—O Lord, we praise thee for this sacred day, O may it be wholly devoted unto thee.

Father.—O Lord, enable us to arrange all our concerns on this day, in such a manner that we may reap the greatest advantage from it in spiritual and eternal things.

Family.—O Lord, grant us this grace, we beseech thee.

Father.—O God our Father, we bless thy name, for the private leisure and opportunities which we have individually enjoyed this morning for waiting on thee in prayer, in reading, and meditation. O Lord, give us thy blessing through these exercises in which we have been engaged in our retirement before thee, and let gracious answers be given to our prayers and our supplications.

Family.—O God, we thank thee for the opportunities we have had individually this morning for waiting on thee. Graciously answer our prayers and our supplications.

Father.—O Father of mercies, we bless and praise thy most gracious and merciful name, for not only giving us these private opportunities of waiting upon thee, but for giving us also, this present opportunity of waiting on thee together, and of raising our united family voice in thanksgivings unto thee, and of making our common supplication at thy throne of grace. To two or three, and to every company of thy people gathered together, and worshipping thee with one heart and voice, thou hast been pleased to give an especial promise of thy favour. Thou, O Lord Jesus, our Saviour, and our God, thou hast promised to be thyself present in such a company. O now fulfil thy gracious promise unto us, our Saviour: be thou with

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us indeed, and may we each of us know that thou art here, and taste that thou art gracious.

Family.—Lord Jesus, thou hast graciously promised to be with a few assembled in thy name: O be with us now, and bless us richly with thy grace.

Father.—O God our Father, thou art very abundant in mercy and goodness, thou hast not only granted us private and family opportunities of waiting on thee, but thou hast also in thy loving kindness given us opportunities of assembling with the great congregation of thy people on thy day. O Blessed Father, may it be our delight to go up unto the House of God, and to join ourselves to thy flock. O prepare our thoughts and our hearts for waiting on thee in Public on this thy day. When we go up to thy house of prayer, and when we join with thy flock, save us, we beseech thee, from the distractions to which we are exposed, and concentrate all our thoughts feelings and affections in thee, O our God, that we may truly and acceptably worship thee, and glorify thy great and adorable name.

Family.—Blessed Father, we adore thee for the privileges of private, family, and public worship. O be thou with us, and pour out richly thy blessing upon us, in thy house of prayer, on this thy day.

Father.—Almighty Father, bless, we beseech thee, thy flock with which we assemble from week to week upon thy day. May all who are united to this flock be true and faithful disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: may they rest all their hopes of forgiveness on the atoning blood of the Lamb: and may all their life be devoted in love to the obedience and service of him who died for them and redeemed them with his own most precious blood.

Family.—Bless, O Lord, all the flock with which we assemble, and may we all glorify thy name in the atonement and service of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, pour out thy blessings abundantly, we earnestly entreat thee, upon thy Servant [Servants] whom thou hast appointed to feed this flock, and to rule over it. O give him [them], we implore thee, thy Holy Spirit in rich measure, that he may glorify thy name in that important and responsible station in which he is placed. O may his own soul be saved, and the souls of them that hear him: may he have at length an abundant entrance into thy kingdom and glory: and may he have many souls, saved by his instrumentality, for a crown of joy to him in the day of Christ.

Family.—O God, greatly bless, we pray thee, him whom thou hast placed to feed us and lead us in thy way in thy kingdom: save him, O God, and all his flock.

Father.—O Lord our God, graciously look on all thy people in their assemblies on this thy day throughout our own land, and throughout the whole world. Bless the Pastors, and bless the Flocks; and may all grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May they all honour and glorify thee in personal holiness, and by shining and giving light in the world.

Family.—O Lord, give thy blessing unto all the churches of the saints, in our own land, and throughout all the world.

Father.—Ever Blessed and Most Gracious God, send thy Gospel, we beseech thee, over all the earth. May all the nations hear the glad sound of mercy, and at an early period. Lord, send thy Word speedily into every country, and in all the languages of men. And send, O God, we entreat thee, thy Messengers of Salvation to the North, and the South, and the East, and the West, and into every country, nation, and kingdom throughout this dark and evil world. O stir up all thy people to pray, and to make great and zealous exertions to bring about this blessed

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object. And stir up us, O Lord our God, in this family, to do what in us lies, collectively and individually, to forward thy kingdom and salvation in all the earth. Great are the privileges and blessings which we have received and enjoy. O let us endeavour to communicate these unto others according to the means and opportunities which thou hast given us. May our constant prayer be, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven;' and may our doings herein correspond with our petitions before thee.

Family.—O Lord, send forth light and thy salvation unto all the earth. O God, stir up all thy people, and stir up each one of us, to glorify thy name in spreading abroad the glorious gospel of Christ.

Father.—Most Blessed Father, condescend, we beseech thee, to hear these our prayers and supplications which we have now offered up before thee in the name of our Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ. O Lord, answer us, on behalf of our Brethren and our Pastor, with whom we are to meet this day; hear us in favour of all thy people, and hear them on our behalf; hear us on behalf of the whole earth; and hear our petitions, O our Father, for ourselves as a family and individually. O may we all be thine in every sense, and in time and in eternity.

Family.—Lord God, hear all our prayers for others, and for our poor unworthy selves: and thine, O Lord, may we truly be, in every sense, and in time and in eternity.

Father.—And now, O God of Peace, who brought-est again from the dead, the Lord Jesus the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,—O make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever: amen.

Family.—Amen, and amen.

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EVENING FAMILY WORSHIP:

FOR

THE LORD'S DAY.

Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—Almighty and Everlasting God, grant us grace, we beseech thee, to come into thy presence, and to worship thee at this time, with reverence and with godly fear. Withdraw our minds from every thing but thy worship and service in which we are now immediately engaged. May thy presence, O God, be with us, according to thy promise. Graciously instruct us from thy word; let us sing thy praise with melody in our hearts; and pour out on us a spirit of prayer: and O may we find thy presence sweet, refreshing, and edifying to our souls, whilst we are thus waiting upon thee. Vouchsafe unto us these blessings, O our God, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For

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thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Family.—Amen.

[All seated.]

Father.—The Portion of Holy Scripture for this evening is, &c. [The Scriptures will then be read.]

Father.—Let us sing to the praise and the glory of God:—"This Sacred day &c."

[All stand.]

1. This sacred day, great God, we close
With gratitude and love;
And bless thee for the joyful news
Which hails us from above.

2. May we retain the glorious truths
Recorded in thy word;
And, with obedient lives, adorn
The doctrines of the Lord.

3. Ere long we hope to meet and join
The ransomed throng in bliss;
With joy thy earthly courts we'll leave,
To dwell where Jesus is.

Father.—Let us Pray.

[All kneel.]

Father.—O Lord God of grace and of mercy and of peace, we unite together this evening at the close of thy holy day, to give thanks and praise to thy ever blessed name, for all the blessings of thy providence and thy grace which this day thou hast bestowed upon us. O fill our hearts with gratitude, and open our lips in praise, that we may give glory to thy name for thy manifold loving kindnesses and tender mercies thus bestowed upon us poor unworthy and sinful creatures.

Family.—O Lord God of mercy and love, we adore

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and magnify thy name for all thy goodness bestowed on us this day in thy providence and grace.

Father.—Our Father in heaven, may our souls truly profit by all the spiritual exercises in which we have been engaged on this day of thine. May we thereby be assimilated to thee, and be made partakers of the divine nature.

Family.—O Lord, give us thy blessing with all the religious exercises we have this day been engaged in, and may we be made partakers of the divine nature.

Father.—Almighty God, be pleased, we beseech thee, to maintain upon our minds, and upon our hearts, all the instructions, and all the impressions, we have this day received, from thy word, and by thy Spirit. O let us not forget these instructions: O let not these impressions be effaced, nor become weakened; but may the instructions received be fully confirmed in us, and be rooted and grounded; and may the impressions received become stronger and stronger.

Family.—O Father, most graciously seal upon us, all the instructions and impressions which we have this day received in waiting upon thee, that through them thy name may be glorified in us.

Father.—O God of our salvation, let the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ rest upon us, through all the means of edification which we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O Most Merciful Father, may the love of God be confirmed unto us, and may we be enlarged therein abundantly, through all the means of edification which we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—O God of all grace, may the communion of the Holy Ghost be graciously vouchsafed unto us,

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through all the means of edification which we have enjoyed throughout this day.

Family.—Amen.

Father.—Most Blessed God, hear, we beseech thee, all the prayers offered up by the flock with which we this day associated. O let these prayers be accepted in thy sight, through the holy incense of the Redeemer's sacrifice, and his all prevailing mediation on our behalf; and may visible answers to these supplications be seen by us in due time, and in thine own way, to the glory of thy most holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Family.—O thou hearer of prayer, listen, we beseech thee, to the supplications of the flock with which we this day associated, and give us gracious answers through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father.—O Lord our God, may every disciple of Jesus Christ with whom we have this day associated in our worship and services, be greatly blessed with true and abundant edification, comfort, and salvation, through the exercises of this day, and may they all grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Family.—O Lord, abundantly bless all thy disciples with whom we worshipped this day.

Father.—Lord God of mercy and compassion, have mercy, we beseech thee, on all present in the congregation where we assembled, who know not the only way of salvation through the Lamb that was slain, or who live in vice and wickedness, or who remain in a state of indifference about the great concern of their souls and of eternity. O Lord, arouse them by the instructions, reproofs, and warnings which have this day sounded in their ears, and may thy Holy Spirit by these means, or by others, speedily bring them from darkness to light, even to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and to a life of holy obedience to their Saviour, that they may obtain everlasting life.

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Family.—O God, have mercy on all in our congregation this day who are strangers to thy grace, and make them now to turn unto thee with all their hearts.

Father.—Almighty and most gracious Father, bless abundantly, we beseech thee, with thy grace, thy Servant [Servants] who labours among us, and administers to us the Gospel of thy grace, reconciliation, and peace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. O enlarge his heart, and strengthen him in the Lord, that he may greatly glorify thee in his holy calling and service. O Lord enable us continually to pray for him, and with all earnest desire, and let our prayers and supplications on his behalf be visibly and abundantly answered. O our God, give him thy blessing through the labours and exercises of this day in which he has been engaged.

Family.—Blessed God, enrich our Pastor [Pastors] with thy Spirit, and grant him the light of thy countenance at the close of this day.

Father.—Almighty God, may all the flock of which we form a part, duly listen to and obey thy Servant placed over us for our instruction and guidance, and whom thou hast commanded to watch for our souls, and to give a solemn account of them to thee in the final day. O Lord, preserve us from impeding, thwarting, or hindering him in his solemn labours and endeavours to present us all perfect in Christ Jesus at his coming and glory. O let us yield ourselves up to him in the Lord with all humility of mind before thee and before him. May he be faithful to us as a Pastor, and may we be submissive to him, in the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the instructions of thy holy word.

Family —O our God, enable us to yield ourselves up to thy holy authority and commandment in listening and submitting to thy Servant whom thou hast given us to instruct and guide us in thy kingdom.

Father.—O Lord our God, may that flock and that

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congregation for which we have now been praying, be wholly thine. O may we be all sanctified unto thee in Jesus Christ, in our bodies and spirits which are thine. May we continually increase in individual and collective holiness, and in knowledge of thy holy word, and may we shine and give light to all around us. O may many around be enlightened by us, and be joined to us, and be saved with an everlasting salvation.

Family.—O God, may all this flock and congregation be wholly thine in Jesus Christ, through faith and love, and may many be joined to us here below, and in the everlasting mansions of heaven.

Father.—God Almighty, bless all thy people, and all the ministers of the gospel of Christ. Follow with thy gracious blessing all the exercises and services of thy flocks this day, in our own land, and in every place. O bless all the assemblies of thy saints, pour out thy Spirit on thy whole church, and hear on our behalf the prayers of all thy faithful people. Send forth thy Word to the ends of the earth in every language, and send forth the Preachers of the Gospel to beseech men of every nation, and kindred, and tribe, to be reconciled unto God through his Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Family.—O Lord, bless all the assemblies of thy saints, pour out thy Spirit on all thy church, and may the Gospel sound through all the earth.

Father.—O God our heavenly Father, let the instructions and impressions of this day have an especial effect upon us through all this week. On every day of the week may we glorify thee in love and obedience, and may we joyfully look forward to the return of thy day.

Family.—Blessed Father, guide us and bless us throughout this week, and may we rejoice at the return of thy holy day.

Father.—O God of all grace, who carest for thy

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people by night and by day, graciously watch over us and bless us throughout the silent watches of the night, and may we awake in health and strength in the ensuing morning, and in peace and joy with thee, our God and our Father.

Family.—O our God bless us all this night, and in the ensuing morning, and for evermore, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father.—Now unto God and our Father, be glory, for ever and ever: amen.

Family.—Now unto God and our Father, be glory, for ever and ever: amen, and amen.

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INDIVIDUAL MORNING PRAYER.

Most Blessed Father, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, the only Mediator, I come before thee. I bow my knees, O Lord, in thy presence, in token of reverence and humility: enable me also to bow down in my heart before thee.

In all my approaches unto thee, grant me, O Lord, to remember that thou art a Spirit, and that thou art to be worshipped alone in spirit and in truth. May I also remember, O God, that thou art the searcher of all hearts, and knowest at all times the nature of that worship that is presented to thee. Enable me therefore, O my God, to pray unto thee aright at this time, and may I enjoy thy blessing in waiting on thee at thy throne of grace.

O my Father, thou knowest that I come to thee only and solely through the atonement wrought out for sinners by thy Son Jesus Christ. For his sake, O Lord, have mercy upon me: O have mercy upon me, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only refuge, my only Lord and Saviour. I am a sinner, O God, in every way. I am a sinner in Adam the head of our polluted race, and I am a sinner in myself: and O how often and how grievously have I sinned against thee. O Lord, enter not into judgment with me, for in thy sight no one can be justified. But look upon me, I beseech thee, in thy mercy, and in thy compassion, and love.

Glory be unto thy name, O God, for thy great love toward our fallen race. Blessed for ever be thy holy name for sending thy Son Jesus Christ to save this lost world. And I thank thee, O my God, for casting my lot in a land where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is made known, and is freely accessible unto all. I adore thee also, O my Father, that whilst thousands reject this gospel to whom thou hast offered it, yet thou hast made me by thy grace, in some measure to listen to

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it, to understand it, and to rest in it, as all my hope, and all my salvation. Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy name alone be all the glory.

O Lord, I adore thee, for having, as I trust, washed away my sins in the precious blood of thy Son Jesus Christ: and I do earnestly pray that I may live unto Christ as not being my own, but as bought with a price. O Lord, teach me the love of Christ, and the obedience of Christ. May I entirely yield myself up unto him by whom I am saved, and may my every thought, and feeling, and word, and action, be wholly under the direction of my Dear Redeemer.

O my Father, I praise thee this morning for all thy goodness to me through the night that is passed. I bless thee for the protection and refreshment I have enjoyed during the silent hours of the night, and I adore thee, O my Father, that I enjoy health and strength of body and of mind this morning.

In entering on this day, I do desire, O my God, to serve thee, and thee only, with all my heart, and with all my strength. But, O Lord, thou knowest, and my own experience tells me, how weak I am, how prone I am to forget thee, and how readily I fall into sin. O Lord, I come therefore unto thee this morning, and I beseech thee compassionately to look upon me, and O grant me thy Holy Spirit to dwell in me this day, that I may be kept in thy fear, and be strengthened for doing thy will all the day long. Guide me, O Lord, by thy counsel, and uphold me by thy Spirit this day, that my footsteps may not slide, and that thy adorable name, by which I am called, may not be dishonoured in me, but be glorified. O Lord, grant me grace throughout this day to adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour in all my outgoings and in all my incomings.

Set a watch upon my mouth this day, O Lord; keep thou the door of my lips; and let not my heart incline to any evil thing. Enable me to think and feel towards all men, and to speak and act respecting them, as I could wish them to do towards me agreeable to

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thy most holy commandment. Keep me, O Lord, this day from grieving thy Holy Spirit: keep me from quenching thy Holy Spirit: and O take not thy Holy Spirit away from me. May thy love be truly within my heart this day: may I trust in thee with all confidence, through the blood of Christ: may thy peace dwell richly within me: and may I be filled with comfort and joy in God my Father, and in Jesus my Redeemer.

In all the duties that devolve upon me this day, enable me, O Lord, to be diligent, and faithful; and may it please thee to grant me thy gracious blessing to accompany me in attending to them all. In my successes and prosperity, may my rejoicing be in thee; and in my disappointments, trials, and adversities, may I also rejoice in thee. And, O grant me, under all circumstances, thy presence and thy help; and may the light of thy countenance ever shine upon me.

O Lord, in thy name, and in thy strength, I would now go forth, and enter on the duties of this day. Mercifully and graciously answer the petitions I have now presented unto thee, and fulfil to me all thy kind and precious promises; for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and my Saviour: amen, and amen.

INDIVIDUAL EVENING PRAYER.

O Lord God Almighty, I bow down before thee at the close of this day. Enable me, O God, to approach thee with the deepest reverence, and with lively feelings of gratitude and love.

Glory be to thy name, O my God, for having sustained me in life through another day. I thank thee, O Father, for the health and strength of body and of mind which I have enjoyed from thee. I bless thee

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for protecting me from dangers, and for the food and the comforts which I have received during the day from thy hand. Truly in thee I live, and breathe, and have my being, and thy visitation sustains my life.

O Lord, the searcher of all hearts, give me grace to understand my ways, and to know my transgressions. In every portion of my time, O Lord, I sin against thee, and come far short of thy glory. This day, O Lord, I have sinned against thee: I have done things which I should not have done, and I have neglected things which I should have attended to. Good Lord, have mercy upon me, and wash me this evening in the blood of Christ from all the sins which I have this day committed.

O God, I bless thee for providing a way by which sins may be forgiven, and thy favour enjoyed. Glory to thy name, O God, that Jesus Christ gave himself a ransom for sinners, and that he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Through him, O Lord, I approach thee, through him I implore the forgiveness of my sins, and through him I beseech thee to grant me thy peace, and the light of thy countenance.

Gracious Father, may a sense of my own weakness and sinfulness lead me to true humility of mind in thy sight, and to a more earnest watchfulness over myself, that I may not fall into sin. May I walk humbly and circumspectly before thee every day of my life. May I fear to offend thee; may I hate every thing that is sinful; and may I flee the appearance of evil. Strengthen me, O Lord, for I am weak; guide me, O Lord, for I am ignorant: may thy Spirit ever be within me; and may thy right hand be upon me.

O Lord, I thank thee for keeping me in some measure in thy fear this day. I bless thee for having enabled me to set thee before me in my various duties, and to seek to honour and glorify thy name. Not unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy name, be all the honour and glory. O Lord, I lament, that with these desires, I come so far short of thy holy will: alas, O Lord, when I would do good, sin is often

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present with me, and brings me into subjection. But, O Lord, thou knowest all things, and knowest that the desires of my heart are only towards thee. O my Father, forgive all my sins, I beseech thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son, and sanctify me wholly to thyself through thy Holy Spirit dwelling in me.

Father, into thy hands I commend myself this night. To thee, O Lord, the darkness and the light are one. Thou, the Keeper of Israel, slumberest not nor sleepest. Watch over me, O my Father, through this night, and graciously defend me from every harm. Be pleased, O Lord, to grant me, quiet and refreshing sleep through the silent hours of the night. May my thoughts, O Lord, be on thee when I lie down, may my thoughts be on thee should I awake in the night watches, and when I awake in the morning may my first thoughts turn to thee.

O Lord God, how precious is thy favour: what a blessedness it is to lie down in peace with thee: what a happiness it is to awake in the enjoyment of thy smile! Glory be to thee, my God, for having cast such a lot for me, in thy Son Jesus Christ. Through his atonement and his intercession I look unto thee, and hope in thy mercy. That good work, O Lord, which thou hast begun in me, be pleased to continue, and to increase until the end; and at the coming of Christ, may I be presented before his presence with exceeding joy, and be crowned with everlasting glory. Thus, O Lord, fulfil unto me thy rich and gracious promises to poor sinners through thy Beloved Son, my dear and glorious Redeemer.

O my Father, I adore thee anew for all the mercies of this day; cleanse me, O Lord, from all the sins I have committed, and take me under thy gracious care through the night. O my Father, never leave me: O my Father, never forsake me. Bless me in time, and bless me in eternity, for the sake of Jesus Christ. O Lord, in Jesus my Redeemer, smile on me: O smile and shine on me now, and for ever, and for evermore: amen, and amen.

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A Grace, or Thanksgiving, to be used before Meals.

Father, or Master.—God Almighty, Thou art the giver of all good. We thank thee for the supply now before us. May we eat and drink according to thy will: and may it be our meat and our drink, to glorify thy name, through Jesus Christ: amen.

All.—Amen.

A Hymn of Praise to be sung after Meals.

When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost,
In wonder, love, and praise.

Another Grace and Hymn.

Father, or Master.—Our Father in heaven, we thank thee for the food thou hast here provided for us, and for all thy mercies: and we beg thy continual blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord: amen.

All.—Amen.

Let us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Another.

Father, or Master.—Heavenly Father, we bless thee for our life, and our health, and our daily food. We beseech thee through Jesus Christ never to leave us, nor forsake us; and may we never depart from thee: amen.

All.—Amen.

Our bread is given, our water sure,
Body and soul sustained;
O may we to the end endure,
Till heaven itself is gained.

Another.

Father, or Master.—O Lord, we give thanks unto thee for these supplies: may we receive thy blessing with them, through Jesus Christ our Lord: amen.

All.—Amen.

Food, raiment, dwelling, health, and friends,
Thou, Lord, hast made our lot;
With thee our bliss begins and ends,
As we are thine, or not.

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A PRAYER

To be used on entering upon any Particular Duty.

Almighty Father, thou hast commanded thy people to acknowledge thee in all their ways, and thou hast promised to direct all their steps. I come therefore, O my Father, to set thee before me in this matter which I am about to undertake; and I beseech thee to remember thy gracious promise, and to fulfil it to me abundantly on this occasion.

O Lord, be pleased to instruct me fully in all parts of my duty in this concern. O save me from ignorance herein, and from all the evil effects thereof. Enable me, O my God, to use my best endeavours to instruct myself in the duties of what I am now called to, that I may have a full conviction on my mind that ignorance cleaveth not to me by reason of my neglect of the means of instruction within my reach.

Graciously also, O my Father, preserve me from Slothfulness in these duties on which I now enter in thy name. Thou knowest the natural indolence of man, and how often I have transgressed by yielding thereto. Be pleased therefore, O my God, to stir me up to Activity in these duties, that my conscience may not condemn me respecting them.

Preserve me, O Lord, in an especial manner, from Wilfully transgressing in any matter in these duties. O God, enable me to watch, and to pray, and to strive herein, that so by thy grace I may have a conscience void of offence—in thy sight, O my God,—and in the sight of those I am connected with in this concern and charge.

Most Blessed God, O do vouchsafe to me a right understanding, and a sound judgment, and energy of mind and of body, for serving thee, and for glorifying

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thy Most Holy Name in this matter. Forbid it, O my God, that I should in any wise dishonour thy name in this thing: but grant me thy Holy Spirit that I may adorn herein the doctrine of God my Saviour; and may all my actions be, and so appear, before men in this undertaking, that I may greatly glorify my Father who is in heaven.

O my God, may my soul be truly clear and untainted in all this matter, and may I be kept from tainting in any manner the souls of others. Grant also, O Lord, for thy great goodness' sake, that my soul may acquire profit through this concern, and holiness, and peace, and joy: and may all, and every thing I do herein, greatly redound to the honour and glory of thy adorable and blessed name, for ever and for ever.

O my Father—my Father—most graciously hear these supplications, and answer them, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Redeemer: amen, and amen.

A PRAYER

To be used on commencing the Perusal of any Particular Book.

Almighty God, source of all Knowledge, to thee are mine eyes directed for all the Instruction I stand in need of, for the life that now is, and for that which is to come. Vouchsafe to me, O Lord, all that knowledge which I require for enabling me to glorify thy name, in the state in which thou hast placed me, or in the state thou mayest hereafter place me in. Shut out also, O Lord, from my eyes and thoughts, the knowledge of every thing that might lead me to sin against thee, and endanger my own peace and my salvation.

I thank thee, O my God, for all the knowledge thou hast already communicated unto me. Forgive my

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neglect and abuse of this knowledge, in all respects wherein I have so done; and let not my soul, O God, nor the souls of others, be injured by this neglect and abuse. And grant me, O my God, henceforward to make a right and a godly use of all the knowledge which by thy grace I enjoy, or that I may attain unto in future.

Be pleased, O Lord, to grant me that proper desire which thou wilt approve of, for an increased measure of knowledge. Let me not shut my eyes against the light thou affordest me: but let me desire a continual increase of knowledge, with the view of glorifying thy name the more by every light thou wilt give me.

Thou hast now, O God, in thy providence put This Book into my hands. O grant me thy Holy Spirit to guide and to direct me in the reading of it. My mind, O God, is entirely in thy hands: O save me from harm, and guide me to what is good by the Book now before me. Shield me, O my God, from imbibing any errors which this work may contain, and guide me to a right comprehension of all that is true, and holy, and useful in it. Grant also, O my Father, that the Truths I may be led to by this book may make a firm impression on my memory, and on my heart, that so they may prove the means of enabling me to serve thee more than ever I have yet done. O Lord, most graciously grant, that all the knowledge I may attain to through this book may be employed in promoting my own true and best interests here and hereafter; and may this knowledge likewise prove, through thy grace to me, the means of bestowing present and eternal blessings upon others.

O Lord my God, for the sake of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, my only Mediator and Advocate, vouchsafe me an abundant answer to these my sincere and earnest supplications: and to thy name be glory, both now and for ever: amen, and amen.

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INDIVIDUAL PRAYER IN READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

O God Almighty, I adore thee for This Precious Book. Pardon, O Lord, my neglect of it: and grant me now thy gracious blessing in Reading and Studying it, to the glory of thy name in my Instruction, Sanctification, and Salvation, in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer: amen.

ANOTHER.

Almighty Father, be pleased, I beseech thee, to enlighten and instruct me, to sanctify and comfort me, and to animate and strengthen me, through the Reading of thy Holy Word at this time, by thy Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, through and for the sake of thy Beloved Son Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my Lord, and my God: amen.

ANOTHER.

O Lord God Almighty, forgive all my neglect of thy Holy Word, and enable me now to read a portion of thy Sacred Book with much attention and with great profit, for the Lord Jesus' sake: amen.

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